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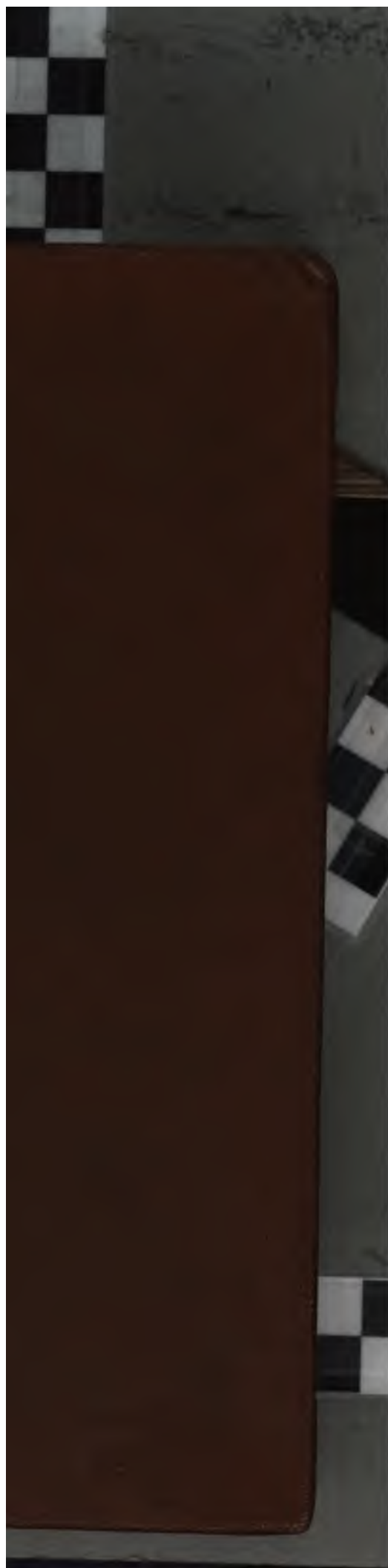
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ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES ELECTED TO CONVENTION OF 1867.

(Those Marked Thus * Attended its Sittings.)

EPIPHANY CHURCH—CLAIBORNE COUNTY.

Delegates.

E. H. McCaleb, *Duncan C. Green, Dr. Wm. Myles.

CHRIST CHURCH—HOLLY SPRINGS.

Delegates.

R. S. Stith, K. Falconer, J. Caruthers.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—ABERDEEN—*Delegate*—T. L. Rogers.

TRINITY CHURCH—YAZOO CITY—*Delegate*—*Thos. Metzler.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—COLUMBUS.

Delegates.

Rich. Evans, M. R. Lemmon, J. E. Leigh.

TRINITY CHURCH—PASS CHRISTIAN.

Delegates.

Geo. N. Smith, M. D. F. B. Hiern, Robt. Cosby.

GRACE CHURCH—CANTON.

Delegates.

*Hon. Wm. S. Bailey,
*Chas. C. Shackelford.

Alternates.

Alfred Sneed,
*S. L. Mosby.

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR—MERIDIAN.

John Armstrong, John W. Young, L. M. Hart.

CHRIST CHURCH—CHURCH HILL.

Delegates.

Edgar G. Wood,
Robt. Cox,
*James S. Johnston, Sr.

Alternates.

I. P. Green,
Wade Harrison,
Jas. S. Johnston, Jr.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—JACKSON.

Delegates.

W. Q. Poindexter, M. D.,
*Geo. Fearn,
*Jno. Duncan.

Alternates.

*Hon. Wm. Yerger,
*Hon. C. E. Hooker,
D. P. Porter.

CALVARY CHURCH—HOLMES COUNTY—*Delegate*—Robt. K. Jones.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH—OXFORD.

Delegates.

*Gen. C. W. Sears, Gen. F. A. Shoupe, *Col. T. E. B. Pegues.

CHRIST CHURCH—VICKSBURG.

Delegates.

*W. T. Balfour, M. D.
*L. C. Moore, Sr.,
*John A. Klein.

Alternates.

E. T. Henry, M. D.,
D. W. Florence,
J. W. M. Harris.

TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ.

Delegates.

Hon. J. D. Shields,
Hon. A. Montgomery,
Hon. H. C. Minor.

Alternates.

Jos. C. Lovell,
Major G. M. Hillyer,
L. S. Brown.

GETHSEMANE CHAPEL—CHATAWA.

Delegates.

*J. O. Nixon, *C. C. Williams.

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CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG, }
THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH, 1867. }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, the Bishop being absent on account of sickness, the Rev. W. C. Crane, President of the Standing Committee, called the Convention to order at 1 o'clock, P. M., after morning service, and the administration of the Holy Communion. Col. T. E. B. Pegues was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, was then called, and the following Clergy answered to their names :

REV. F. W. BOYD, D. D.,	REV. HENRY C. HARRIS,	REV. W. C. CRANE,
REV. JNO. HEWITT,	REV. A. W. CLARKE,	REV. W. M. PETTIS,
REV. JAS. A. FOX,	REV. J. T. PICKETT,	REV. BENJ. HALSTED,
REV. HENRY SANSOM, D. D.		

Credentials of Lay Delegates from St. Andrews Church, Jackson; Epiphany Church, Claiborne county; Christ Church, Holly Springs; St. Johns, Aberdeen; Trinity, Yazoo City; St. Paul's, Columbus; Trinity, Pass Christian; Grace Church, Canton; Church of the Mediator, Meridian; Christ Church, Church Hill; Calvary Church, Holmes county; St. Peters, Oxford; Christ Church, Vicksburg; Trinity, Natchez; Gethsemane Chapel, Chatawa, were presented and referred to a committee consisting of Rev. J. T. Pickett, Dr. Wm. T. Balfour, and Mr. Geo. Fearn, who, after examination, reported the same as correct. Whereupon the list of names was called, and the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats in the Convention :

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.—Dr. Wm. T. Balfour, Jno. A. Klein, Col. L. C. Moore.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH, JACKSON.—C. E. Hooker, Geo. Fearn, Jno. Duncan.

TRINITY CHURCH, YAZOO CITY.—Thos. Metzler.

ST. PETER'S, OXFORD.—T. E. B. Pegues, C. W. Sears.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being present, the President declared the Convention duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

On motion the rules of order of the last Convention were adopted for the present one.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention was called to order.

The certificate of Lay Delegates from Grace Church, Canton, was presented and referred to committee on credentials, who reported the following persons duly elected: Hon. W. S. Bailey and C. C. Shackelford, who thereupon took their seats.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a permanent Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, and the Rev. J. T. Pickett, being nominated, was unanimously elected.

The President announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

CREDENTIALS.—Rev. J. T. Pickett, Dr. W. T. Balfour and Geo. Fearn.

NEW PARISHES.—Rev. Benj. Halsted, C. E. Hooker and T. S. Bailey.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., Rev. J. T. Pickett, Rev. A. W. Clarke, Rev. Henry C. Harris, Rev. Jas. A. Fox, Rev. W. H. Burton.

FINANCE.—Messrs. T. E. B. Pegues, Geo. Fearn, J. A. Klein, Thos. Metzler, W. S. Bailey, Jas. S. Johnston, Sr., Dr. Hemmingway and Rev. B. Halsted.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.—Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D., Rev. B. M. Miller, Gen. C. W. Sears, Hon. Wm. Yerger, Dr. W. T. Balfour.

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.—Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D., Rev. John. Hewitt, L. C. Moore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Rev. W. H. Burton, Mr. J. O. Nixon.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his report, which was referred to the committee of Finance, and is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi:

The Proceedings of the Convention of 1861, held in Christ Church, Holly Springs, being the last of which there is any printed record, the Treasurer submits now the following statement, in order that the assembling Convention may be fully informed of the financial condition of the Diocese.

To the "Council" which assembled at Jackson in May, 1866, was presented the following report of the Treasurer of the Diocese:

The last report in detail was submitted to the Council of 1863. In 1864 there was no meeting; and when, in April, 1865, the Council assembled at Jackson, the Treasurer was unavoidably in another part of the State; and even now, just returning after a six months' absence, he has neither the time nor the material enabling him to present to the present meeting a full and detailed account of the pecuniary condition of the Diocese. He respectfully suggests that this may hereafter be submitted.

At the date of the last report, April, 1863, the Diocese was in arrears to the Bishop, for salary, in the sum of \$857 57; and down to the date of the Council, in 1865, there had been paid to him, on account, by the Treasurer, the sum of \$2,320 19, being the entire receipts into the Treasury during that period from Parish assessments and all other sources. This will leave a large *apparent* balance due the Bishop, although in reality not so large, several amounts having been paid to him, and not reported to the Treasurer by the various Parishes so paying.

The Episcopal Fund amounts now to the sum of \$6,675 00, the greater portion of which, however, is unavailable, the accrued interest not having been paid during the prevalence of the late war. It would not be safe to estimate a larger income than \$250 from this fund during the ensuing year.

The present report is intended only as a brief statement of the condition of the Treasury down to the meeting of the Council of 1865, and the change in the political status of the State.

In the absence of the necessary data, no report is presented of the transactions of the past year, the Treasurer respectfully submitting to the Convention the propriety of deferring said report until the next regular assemblage.

It may not be improper to state, in this connection, that notwithstanding the great losses to which we have all been subjected during the late war, the valuable papers of the Episcopal Fund, and the entire archives of this office, have been preserved *intact* and uninjured. In other property of the Diocese great loss has been sustained. "Bishop's Place," the late beautiful residence of our venerable Prelate, with all its surroundings, present now but a mass of smouldering ruins!

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACKSON, May 9, 1866.

JOHN DUNCAN, Treasurer of the Diocese.

The Finance Committee, in recommending the adoption of this report, recommended also the remission of all arrearages prior to April, 1865, and that the assessments from that date only shall be collected. These recommendations were adopted by the "Council," as was also the following—

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

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ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1866 AND 1867.

Nos	CHURCHES.	LOCATIONS.	AMOUNT
1	Trinity	Natchez.	\$500
2	Christ	Vicksburg	500
3	St. Andrew's	Jackson	250
4	Christ	Church Hill.	200
5	St. Paul's	Woodville	160
6	Trinity	Pass Christian	160
7	Trinity	Yazoo City	125
8	Christ	Holly Springs	100
9	St. John's	Lake Washington	100
10	St. Paul's	Columbus...	100
11	St. John's	Aberdeen	100
12	St. Philip's	Kirkwood	75
13	Grace	Canton	75
14	St. Peter's	Oxford	75
15	Calvary	Holmes county	75
16	St. Luke's	Brandon	50
17	St. James	Port Gibson	50
18	Church at	Macon	45
19	Chapel of Cross	Madison county	40
20	St. John's	Early Grove	40
21	St. Alban's	Bovina	40
22	St. Mark's	Raymond	40
23	Epiphany	Claborne county	30
24	St. Matthew's	Clinton	30
25	Ascension	Hernando	30
26	St. Stephen's	Panola	25
27	Grace	Carrollton	25
28	Church of the Savior	Osyka	20
29	Church of Crucifixion	Yazoo county	20
30	Church of Redemption	Hinds county	20
31	Church of Mediator	Meridian	20
32	Church at	Enterprise	20
33	St. John's	Annadale	20
34	Grace	Okolona	15
35	Church of Advent	Washington	15
36	Church at	Lauderdale	15
37	St. Andrew's	Marshall county	10
38	Messiah	Noxubee	10
39	St. Mark's	Mississippi City	10
40	St. Luke's	Shieldsboro'	10
41	Church of Redeemer	Biloxi	10
42	St. Barnabas	Warrenton	10
43	St. Paul's	Grand Gulf	5
44	Christ	Summit	10
			\$3.260

Of the foregoing assessment, and of the one of the preceeding year, which the Treasurer assumes to have been for a like amount, the roll not now being accessible, there has been reported to this office, and paid to the Bishop, the sum of \$3,543 55, together with \$418 75 interest paid on Episeopal Fund notes, in all \$3,962 30, for which the proper vouchers are herewith submitted. This still leaves the Diocese in arrears to the Bishop, for salary, and due at the present meeting of the Convention, \$2,037 70.

The following named Parishes only contributed to the sums above stated, viz:

Nos	CHURCHES.	LOCATIONS.	AMOUNT
1	Trinity	Natchez	\$557 50
2	Christ	Vicksburg	887 50
3	St. Andrew's	Jackson	171 40
4	Christ	Church Hill	370 00
5	St. Paul's	Woodville	100 00
6	Trinity	Pass Christian	240 00
7	Trinity	Yazoo City	80 00
8	Christ	Holly Springs	100 00
9	St. John's	Lake Washington	150 09
10	St. Paul's	Columbus	120 00
11	St. John's	Aberdeen	195 00
12	Grace	Canton	170 00
13	St. Peter's	Oxford	50 00
14	Chapel of Cross	Madison county	40 00
15	St. John's	Early Grove	30 00
16	Epiphany	Claborne county	50 00
17	St. Mark's	Raymond	10 00
18	Calvary	Holmes county	47 15
19	St. John's	Annadale	20 00
20	St. Luke's	Brandon	15 00
21	Messiah	Noxubee	20 00
22	Ascension	Hernando	10 00
23	Church of Savior	Osyka	10 00
24	St. James	Port Gibson	25 60
25	Church at	Macon	45 00
26	Church at	Lauderdale	20 00
27	Christ	Summit	10 00
			\$3,543 55

No reports have been received at this office, during the past two years, from the following Parishes, viz:

St. Philip's, Kirkwood; St. Andrew's, Marshall county; St. Alban's, Bovina; St. Matthew's, Clinton; Grace, Okalona; St. Mark's, Mississippi City; St. Luke's, Shieldsboro'; Church of Redeemer, Biloxi; St. Paul's, Grand Gulf; Church of Crucifixion, Yazoo City; Church of Redemption, Hinds county; St. Barnabas, Warrenton; St. Stephen's, Panola; Grace, Carrollton; Church of the Advent, Washington; Church of the Mediator, Meridian; Church at Enterprise.

To this condition of affairs the Treasurer felt constrained to call the attention of the Standing Committee, and his letter to the Chairman, with the action of the Committee thereon, is herewith respectfully submitted:

DIOCESAN TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
JACKSON, March 20, 1867. }

REV. W. C. CRANE, *Chairman of the Standing Committee:*

MY DEAR SIR:—By a resolution of a late Convention, upon the Standing Committee, if I mistake not, was imposed the duty of securing from the various Parishes the several assessments for the support of the Episcopate.

This is a matter of so grave importance as to demand immediate and tangible action.

There is no money in the Treasury, nor can any be now collected from what is known as the Episcopal Fund.

The Diocese is, at this moment, in arrears to the Bishop, for salary, to an amount exceeding \$2,500. His wants are few, but his necessities are great and pressing. He must be relieved from his embarrassments. We cannot permit our Bishop thus to suffer.

Of the forty-four Parishes in the Diocese, twenty-one only contributed to his salary during the year ending at the meeting of the last Convention; and thus far in the present year, ending next month, but eleven Parishes have been reported to this office, five only of which have paid the amounts assessed by the Convention.

Thus financially crippled, the Treasurer has no alternative but to appeal, through your Committee, to the entire Diocese for immediate and prompt succor. He respectfully suggests that, without any reference to what has been already paid by certain Parishes, a *general collection* be made throughout the Diocese, previous to the 15th of April, and the sums thus obtained be at once forwarded to this office. This sacred debt must be discharged. It can easily be done.

Respectfully, and very truly yours,

JOHN DUNCAN, *Treasurer of the Diocese of Mississippi.*

CIRCULAR.

To the Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Mississippi:

BRETHREN:—We beg to call your immediate and careful attention to the accompanying statement of our Diocesan Treasurer, feeling assured that you will not fail to acknowledge the sacred claims upon us all, of our beloved and venerated Bishop. The situation in which he is at this moment placed, together with his very feeble state of health, renders our prompt action an absolute necessity. We therefore earnestly entreat that the proceeds of the offertory, in every Congregation, on the ensuing Easter, be devoted to this object; and that those who may have no opportunity afforded them of attending Public Worship on that day, make their individual offerings also; the whole to be sent directly to the Treasurer, at the Convention which meets in Vicksburg, on Thursday, 25th inst.

W. C. CRANE,
H. SANSON,
W. T. BALFOUR,
W. Q. POINDEXTER,

Standing Committee of the Diocese.

VICKSBURG, April 1st, 1867.

The Treasurer regrets to say that to this appeal but a very feeble response has, as yet, been made. He trusts at the meeting of the Convention the Easter Offerings will be found sufficiently large to discharge this sacred debt of the Diocese, and that all arrearages of Parishes may be remitted by the Convention.

EPISCOPAL FUND AND CHURCH PROPERTY.

When, in April, 1860, the present incumbent entered upon the duties of this office, he received of the above fund from the late Treasurer, the following described notes and cash—(see Journal of 1860, page 21.)

EPISCOPAL FUND—1860.

NAME.	DUE.	AM'T.
W. D. Bibb.....	1st June, 1859.....	\$200
M. W. Ewing.....	1st April, 1862.....	100
E. J. Hinton.....	1st April, 1861.....	250
Jas. S. Johnston.....	1st October, 1863.....	500
J. Roach and W. Adams.....	1st November, 1861.....	1000
J. Roach and W. Adams.....	1st June, 1863.....	1000
W. B. Shields.....	29th April, 1864.....	200
Jas. D. Stewart.....	1st September, 1864.....	125
Jos. D. Shields.....	1st January, 1861.....	200
W. C. Smedes.....	1st January, 1861.....	500
W. C. Smedes.....	1st January, 1862.....	500
Geo. S. Yerger.....	1st January, 1861.....	500
Geo. S. Yerger.....	1st January, 1862.....	500
Wm. Yerger.....	1st April, 1862.....	500
O. O. Woodman.....	2d January, 1862.....	200
Cash.....		150
		\$6,425

By and with the advice and consent of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, the note of James S. Johnston for \$500, and that of O. O. Woodman for \$200, were subsequently paid. The two notes of \$500 each, of George S. Yerger, were exchanged for one of Edward M. Yerger, for \$1,000; and the two of J. Roach and Wirt Adams, for \$1,000 each, and one of W. C. Smedes for \$500, have been redeemed by one for \$2,500 of E. A. & G. R. Fall—this latter note being amply secured by mortgage on real estate.

The fund having been increased by a contribution of \$250 from Mrs. C. A. Hinton, amounts now, with accrued interest to May 1, 1867, to \$3,380 50, as follows:

EPISCOPAL FUND, NOTES AND INTEREST—Due May 1, 1867.

NAME.	Principal.	Interest.	From.
Martin W. Ewing.....	\$100 00	\$50 83	April 1, 1862.
James D. Stewart.....	125 00	70 84	Sept. 1, 1861.
W. D. Bibb.....	200 00	118 39	June 1, 1861.
W. B. Shields.....	200 00	80 00	May 1, 1863.
Jos D. Shields.....	200 00	66 66	Jan'y 1, 1865.
E. J. Hinton.....	250 00	177 08	April 1, 1860.
W. C. Smedes.....	500 00	216 66	Jan'y 1, 1863.
Wm. Yerger.....	500 00	354 16	April 1, 1860.
Ed. M. Yerger.....	1,000 00	333 33	Jan'y 1, 1864.
John Duncan.....	1,100 00		Paid to date.
E. A. and G. R. Fall.....	2,500 00	237 55	Feb. 20, 1866
	\$6,675 00		
Interest accrued to 1st May, 1867,	1,705 50		
	\$8,380 50		

It is proper to State here that the \$1,100 above in the name of the Treasurer, represents the payments made to the fund during his term of office, and which it has not been deemed advisable *permanently* to invest. The Treasurer, however, has himself paid all accruing interest thereon up to the 1st May, 1867, amounting in the aggregate, at 10 per cent. per annum, to \$663 75. The *principal* also is now subject to the order of the Convention.

Of the disposition of this Church Fund, the retiring Treasurer desires to ask the special and considerate attention of the Convention. The fund cannot, in the present state of the Diocese and the country, be in any considerable degree increased. It is not now collectable, but is, nevertheless, owing to recent favorable arrangements with some of the debtors, in a much better condition than was believed at this time last year. It is quite possible that most of it can now be used in the re-erection of a Bishop's Residence, upon the old site near Jackson; and the Treasurer most respectfully recommends that the entire fund be thus appropriated.

With emotions of no ordinary character, the undersigned submits this, his last official report, to the Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi. He is grateful for the many proofs of kindness and partiality always manifested towards him. He appreciates profoundly the honor and high confidence implied by his unanimous re-election for six consecutive years, to the most responsible position in the gift of this august body; and he severs his official connection now, because of his greatly impaired health, his necessity for rest, recreation and, perhaps, a foreign temporary residence.

Respectfully submitted,
JACKSON, April 18, 1867.

JOHN DUNCAN,
Treasurer of the Diocese of Mississippi.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Diocesan officers, when the ballot being by unanimous consent dispensed with, on motion, the following were nominated and elected, as the Standing Committee of the Diocese:

Rev. W. C. Crane, Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. J. T. Pickett, W. Q. Poindexter, M. D., W. T. Balfour, M. D.

Col. Jno. Duncan having declined a re-election to the office of Treasurer of the Diocese, on motion, Jno. A. Klein, of Vicksburg, was elected.

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.—Jno. Duncan, Wm. Yerger and J. A. Klein.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Rev. W. C. Crane, Dr. W. Q. Poindexter.

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.—Rev. B. M. Miller, Rev. J. T. Pickett, Rev. W. C. Crane, Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

REV. W. C. CRANE, REV. S. T. PICKETT, REV. H. SANSOM, D. D.,
REV. C. B. DANA, D. D., Col. T. E. B. PEGUES, W. Q. POINDEXTER, M. D.
COL. JNO. DUNCAN, HON. J. W. M. HARRIS.

ALTERNATES.

Rev. J. A. Fox, Rev. T. S. Savage, M. D., Rev B. Halsted,
Col. L. Houghton, B. Y. Ramsey, Rich'd Evans,
W. T. Balfour, M. D.

The Committee on the admission of New Parishes, to which was referred the application of Gethsemane Chapel, Pike county, reported adversely to the same, as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—The undersigned, your committee, appointed to examine and report on the "certified copy of the organization of the Parish of Gethsemane Chapel," in Pike county, Mississippi, would respectfully report that they have duly considered the same, and find that the majority of the Vestry, mentioned in said application are minors, many of them not permanent residents within the Diocese of Mississippi; and that there is no assurance that said Parish, if established, would be able to erect a Church and sustain a Pastor, and the persons who thus make application for the establishment of a Parish are not likely to become regular, permanent established worshippers in said Parish, your Committee therefore recommend, for the reasons heretofore stated, that said Parish should not be admitted into union with this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

B. HALSTED,
WILL. S. BAILEY, } Committee.
C. E. HOOKER,

Whereupon it was moved and carried that the report of the committee be not concurred in; and, on motion Gethsemane Chapel was received into union with the Convention. Messrs. J. O. Nixon and C. C. Williams, Lay Delegates from said Parish, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That Clergymen not entitled to seats, Clergymen of other Dioceses and candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention. Whereupon the Rev. Geo. Curraway, of the Diocese of Virginia, was welcomed by the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL, 26TH, 1867.

After morning service, the Bishop read his Annual Report, and being unable to attend the sitting, retired.

Convention was called to order by Rev. W. C. Crane.

The roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates was called, when the following Clergy, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

REV. C. B. DANA, D. D., REV. WM. D. CHRISTIAN, REV. WM. H. PHILLIPS,
REV. BENJ. M. MILLER.

Also the following Lay Delegates: Hon. Wm. Yerger, from St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; and Col. C. C. Shackelford, from Grace Church, Canton.

The Parochial Reports were called for, and on motion, their reading was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the financial condition of the Diocese, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on the admission of new Parishes reported in favor of receiving the Church of the Mediator at Meridian, Lauderdale county, into union with the Convention; when, on motion, the Parish was accordingly admitted.

On motion, **Resolved**, That that portion of the Treasurer's report relating to the Bishop's residence be referred to a special committee of three; on which were appointed Rev. W. C. Crane, Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., of the Clergy, and Hon. Wm. Yerger of the laity.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P-M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FOUR O'CLOCK.

The Bishop called the Convention to order.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next annual meeting of this Convention be held in Grace Church, Canton, on the last Wednesday in April, 1868.

The committee to which was referred that portion of the Treasurer's report relating to the Bishop's residence reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Treasurer's report relating to the Episcopal Fund, notes and interest in connection with the Episcopal residence, concur in the recommendation of the Treasurer, that this fund should "now be used in the re-erection of a Bishop's residence upon the old site near Jackson." This is believed to be the best use to which this fund can now be applied. The necessity of a permanent residence for the Bishop cannot be over-estimated, and its speedy erection is desirable in every respect; and with the proceeds that may be realized from the Episcopal fund, and such other contributions as will no doubt be readily contributed from other sources, will soon rebuild the residence of the Bishop upon a scale of comfort and elegance worthy of the Diocese; all of which is respectfully submitted with the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal fund and Church property use the money, notes, and funds, now belonging to that fund, and such other monies as they may be able to obtain from other sources, in the re-erection of a Bishop's residence upon the old site near Jackson, or the purchase of such a residence as will be suitable and proper, if it should be deemed most advisable; and that a committee of three be appointed to solicit contributions from other sources for the erection of a Bishop's residence; and that all funds that may be obtained be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, to be used for that purpose.

W. C. CRANE,
H. SANOM,
WM. YERGER.

The Bishop appointed as said committee: Wm. Q. Poindexter, M. D., Hon. Wm. Yerger, and Wm. T. Balfour, M. D.

The Rev. Wm. K. Douglas appeared and took his seat; also the Lay Delegate, Mr. D. C. Green, from Epiphany Church, Claiborne county.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 27, 1867.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop, when the Treasurer of the Diocese made a supplementary report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, and is as follows:

REPORT (Supplementary) of the Diocesan Treasurer—Collections made at Convention. To the Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi:

Since the date of my printed report of the 18th April, 1867, I have received the following sums from the respective sources named, as Easter offerings, and in part payment of arrearages, and have paid the same over to the Bishop, as per vouchers herewith submitted, leaving still a balance due on this debt of \$1169 47.

St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,	Easter offering,	\$50 75
Gethsemane Chapel, Chatawa,	" "	23 35
Christ Church, Summit,	" "	32 00
" " " "	Assessment,	10 00
Church of the Saviour, Osyka,	" "	20 00
" " " "	Offering,	5 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs,	Assessment,	100 00
St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county,	Mrs. Jackson,	12 00
Ascension Church, Hernando,	Assessment,	20 00
St. John's Church, Aberdeen,	" "	5 00
Church of Mediator, Meridian,	Offering,	10 00
Trinity Church, Yazoo City,	Assessment,	85 00
St. Peter's Church, Oxford,	" "	15 00
Calvary Church, Holmes county,	" "	27 85
" " " "	Offering,	42 78

St. Philip's Church	Kirkwood,	Dr. Hemmingway,.....	50 00
Christ Church,	Vicksburg,	Assessment.....	12 50
" "	"	Offering,.....	132 20
" "	Church Hill,	Capt. Johnston,.....	25 00
St. Paul's Church,	Columbus,	Assessment,.....	60 00
" "	Columbus,	Offering,.....	47 50
Christ Church,	Church Hill,	previously paid Bishop,.....	40 00

\$885 93

CASH paid So. Ex. Co. bill of freight for Journals of General

Convention,.....\$ 17 70

" paid to Bishop Green.....888 23—\$885 93

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN DUNCAN,

Treasurer of the Diocese of Mississippi.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG, April, 25, 1867.

EPISCOPAL FUND NOTES.

Received from JOHN DUNCAN, former Treasurer of the Diocese, the Notes of Martin W. Ewing, James D. Stewart, W. D. Bibb, W. B. Shields, Jos. D. Shields, E. J. Hinton, W. C. Smedes, William Yerger, E. M. Yerger, John Duncan, and E. A. and G. R. Fall, amounting in the aggregate, to \$8,380 50, principal and interest to May 1st, 1867, as per report of John Duncan, former Treasurer, which Notes belong to the Episcopal Fund, and are under the management and control of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

J. A. KLEIN, Treasurer of the Diocese of Mississippi.

VICKSBURG, APRIL 27, 1867.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools reported as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the subject of Diocesan Schools, respectfully report, that they have given their attention to the subject, but have been unable to discover any Institutions for Education subject to the control and supervision of this Council.

The subject of Christian Education, however, has not been entirely overlooked by the Ministers of the Church.

In the Reports of the Rev. Dr. Savage, and of the Rev. Albert Lyon, are encouraging indications of attention to this important and interesting subject.

There is at Pass Christian a large and successful Institution, for the Education of the Children of the Church, embracing two schools, under the control of the Rev. Dr. Savage. These two schools are intended for the young of both sexes. That for the girls, is under the management of the Rev. John Smedes, while Dr. Savage administers that for the boys, with the general supervision of both, being aided and assisted by an adequate number of accomplished and efficient assistants. The long experience and successful management of Dr. Savage, hitherto, afford sufficient guarantee for a competent education for such pupils as may be committed to his care, and warrant the fullest confidence of the Church in his Seminary.

The school of the Rev. Albert Lyon, at Chatawa, on the line of the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad, in Pike county, Mississippi, about four miles north of the Louisiana line, is an Institution more recently established, but already in full and vigorous operation, and promises large usefulness to the Church.

The Report of the Rector, Rev. A. Lyon, to this present Council, through the Bishop, gives full and interesting detail of this Seminary, while the emphatic commendation of the Bishop, in his annual address, leaves but little for your committee to report.

They would, however, be wanting in appreciation of the excellent arrangements, and varied and generous provisions of the Reverend Rector and proprietor, in offering such liberal privileges for the gratuitous education of candidates for Holy Orders, were they to withhold their heartfelt commendation of his liberality and christian thoughtfulness in that respect.

They cordially recommend both the above named Institutions to the favorable regard of the Council, and the liberal patronage of the Church, and beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. W. BOYD, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

The Committee on Finance, to whom the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese has been referred, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, with the accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct in every particular.

Upon a review of the amounts assessed upon the Parishes by the last Convention, for the support of the Bishop, your committee would recommend an increase of the last year's assessment, upon each, in order to cover all past arrearages.

The Treasurer of the Convention, elected at the meeting held in April, 1866, not having made any report, your committee are of course unable to make any statement relative to his account for contingent expenses.

The following is recommended as the assessment for Bishop's salary and contingent expenses for the year ending April 23, 1867, and for arrearages

No.	CHURCHES.	LOCATIONS.	BISHOP'S SALARY.	CONTINGENT.
1	Trinity,	Natchez,	\$670 00	\$50 00
2	Christ,	Vick-burg,	670 00	50 00
3	St. Andrew's,	Jackson,	335 00	30 00
4	Christ,	Church Hill,	270 00	20 00
5	St. Paul's,	Woodville,	2 0 00	20 00
6	Trinity,	Pass Christian,	200 00	20 00
7	Trinity,	Yazoo City,	165 00	20 00
8	Christ,	Holly Springs,	135 00	15 00
9	St. John's,	Lake Washington,	135 00	15 00
10	St. Paul's,	Columbus,	150 00	20 00
11	St. John's,	Aberdeen,	135 00	10 00
12	St. Phillip's,	Kirkwood,	75 00	10 00
13	Grace,	Canton,	100 00	10 00
14	St. Peter's,	Oxford,	100 00	10 00
15	Calvary,	Holmes County,	100 00	10 00
16	St. Luke's,	Brandon,	100 00	10 00
17	St. James',	Port Gibson,	70 00	10 00
18	Christ,	Macon,	60 00	10 00
19	Chapel of Cross,	Madison County,	55 00	5 00
20	St. John's,	Early Grove,	55 00	5 00
21	St. Alban's,	Bovina,	55 00	5 00
22	St. Mark's,	Ravmond,	55 00	5 00
23	Epiphany,	Claiborne County,	40 00	5 00
24	St. Matthew's,	Clinton,	40 00	5 00
25	Ascension,	Hernando,	40 00	5 00
26	St. Stephen's,	Panola,	35 00	5 00
27	Grace,	Carrollton,	35 00	5 00
28	Church of Saviour,	Oswaka,	25 00	5 00
29	Church of Crucifixion,	Yazoo County,	25 00	5 00
30	Church of Redemption,	Hinds County,	25 00	5 00
31	Church of Mediator,	Meridian,	25 00	5 00
32	Church at	Enterprise,	25 00	5 00
33	St. John's,	Annadale,	25 00	5 00
34	Grace,	Okolwa,	20 00	5 00
35	Church Advent,	Washington,	15 00	5 00
36	Church at Lauderdale,	Lauderdale,	20 00	5 00
37	St. Andrew's,	Marshall County,	15 00	5 00
38	Messiah,	Noxubee,	15 00	5 00
39	St. Mark's,	Mississippi City,	15 00	5 00
40	St. Luke's,	Shieldsboro',	15 00	5 00
41	Church of Redeemer,	Biloxi,	15 00	5 00
42	St. Barnabas,	Warrenton,	15 00	5 00
43	St. Paul's,	Grand Gulf,	10 00	5 00
44	Christ,	Summit,	20 00	5 00
45	Gethsemane,	Chatawa,	20 00	5 00

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That there shall be had in each Parish, on the 4th Sundays in January, April, July and October in every year, or on the succeeding Sunday thereafter on which service may be held, a collection for the purpose of paying the amount assessed on each Parish for the Bishop's salary, and that the Treasurer of each Parish shall forthwith remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese the sums so collected.

2. *Resolved*, That all payments on account of the Bishop's salary shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, to be by him paid to the Bishop.

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions and 2) be furnished to each Rector, with directions to read them to their congregations on the Sunday preceding the day fixed for the collection.

4. *Resolved*, That each Parish in arrears for the Bishop's salary be urgently requested to make payment of the amount due as speedily as possible.

The Committee having examined the supplemental report of the Treasurer find it entirely correct.

Also, examined the report of the Treasurer in regard to the Episcopal fund, notes, and interest, and find the same correct; which notes were received by the Finance Committee, who delivered them to J. A. Klein, the present Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, which was delivered to the Trustees of the Episcopal fund and Church property.

T. E. B. PEGUES, Chairman.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the profound thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby heartily tendered to the late Treasurer of the Diocese, Col. John Duncan, for the invaluable services rendered by him to the Church, in the faithful discharge of the many arduous duties of that office, which he has filled for the last seven years.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we acknowledge gratefully the attention and hospitality which have been extended by the Rector and congregation of this Parish to all the members of this Convention.

Committee on the State of the Church reported as follows:

The Committee on the state of the Church are gratified in being able to report, that, from information obtained from the Bishop's Journal and Address, from the Parochial Reports, and other sources, they believe the condition of the Diocese to be decidedly improving. This is indicated by the number of persons who have been baptized, confirmed, and added to the Communion; by the number of candidates for the Holy Orders, and the addition of several active and zealous young men to the Clergy of the Diocese; also, in the gradual but yet perceptible increase of interest in her welfare among the members of the Church, who, in many places, are arousing themselves from the apathy into which they had fallen in consequence of the impoverished and almost prostrate condition of the Diocese; in the amount of pecuniary contributions, and the increasing facilities for educating the young in the principles of the Church. The Committee, therefore, cannot do otherwise than "thank God and take courage," and they trust that the Church in this Diocese will arise and shine, putting on her beautiful garments; and that she will again become a praise and glory in the land. All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES B. DANA, Chairman.

The following preamble and resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, it is understood, that at Columbus and other places, perhaps, in the Diocese, the friends of the Church, and especially those always most forward in good works, the ladies, moved by the praiseworthy spirit of providing a suitable residence for our beloved Bishop, within the Diocese, have obtained by contribution a considerable sum of money for that purpose, which money was donated by the contributors with the understanding that it was to be applied to the erection of an Episcopal residence at Columbus; AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Diocese, now convened at Vicksburg, after due and mature deliberation, looking under God to the spiritual interests of the whole Diocese, so vitally involved in the question of eligibility and permanent position for the Bishop, have decided that it is expedient to rebuild the late Episcopal residence at Jackson; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention do most respectfully request those persons who may have funds in their hands, contributed for building an Episcopal residence, at Columbus or any other specified point in the Diocese, other than the city of Jackson, to obtain the consent of said contributors to a transfer of all such funds as above named to the Trustees of the Episcopal fund, to be by them applied in part and in conjunction with other monies authorized to be applied by this Council, to be expended in building a residence for the Bishop, at Jackson, and that the President of the Standing Committee be appointed to correspond with the above parties, and appeal to them, by their love for the Church, to make the proposed transfer.

The Committee on unfinished business reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred unfinished business, find nothing for the action of the Convention.

Respectfully,
W. H. BURTON,
J. O. NIXON, Jr.

On motion, ballot being dispensed with, Dr. W. Q. Poindexter was unanimously elected a Trustee of the University of the South, in the place of Mr. Rich. Evans, resigned.

The Standing Committee for the last year reported as follows:

JUNE 9, 1866.—Organized by the election of Rev. W. C. Crane, President, and Rev. E. Fontaine, Secretary. Signed the Canonical Certificate consenting to the consecration of the Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Louisiana.

AUGUST 25.—Passed resolutions appropriate to the sad loss sustained by the Church in the death of Gen. T. C. Tupper, and elected Doctor W. T. Balfour to fill the vacancy thus occasioned. Signed the Canonical Testimonial recommending Mr. John Hewitt for Deacon's orders.

JANUARY 15, 1867.—Signed testimonials in behalf of Duncan C. Green and Stephen Chase Brown, recommending them as Candidates for Holy Orders.

FEBRUARY 19.—Signed the Canonical Testimonial consenting to the consecration of the Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle as Missionary Bishop for the Territory of Montana, with Idaho and Utah.

The Rev. M. Fontaine having left the Diocese, Dr. W. Q. Poindexter was elected Secretary of the Committee.

MARCH 1.—Signed the required certificate recommending the Rev. Edward Charles Laughlin, Deacon, for Priest's Orders.

APRIL 1.—Received a communication from the Treasurer of the Diocese in relation to the Bishop's salary, whereupon a circular was prepared and directed to be sent to the different Parishes urging them to prompt action upon this subject.

W. Q. POINDEXTER, Secretary.

Resolved, That from three to five hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention, together with an abstract of the unpublished Journals of the preceding years, be printed and distributed, under the direction of the Secretary.

The Rev. J. T. Pickett having resigned his position in the Standing Committee, the Rev. James A. Fox was elected in his place.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then delivered a closing address, and, after prayer and benediction, declared the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi adjourned, *sine die*.

J. T. PICKETT, Secretary.

EPISCOPAL JOURNAL AND ADDRESS, APRIL 1867.

BELoved BRETHREN : I greet you once more in the name of the Lord, and beg you to unite your hearts with mine in fervent thanksgiving that we are again permitted to meet in consultation for the advancement of that portion of His Church with which He has put us in charge.

Whilst a review of the past year in its political aspect may well fill us with indignation at the heartless tyranny to which we are subjected; and whilst the general dejection of our people, arising from the failure of the last crop, is spreading a gloom on all around, there is left us no little cause for the thanksgiving in the fact that our Diocese is giving signs of recovery from the depression of the last few years, and that we are permitted once more to meet in consultation for its benefit. Although it has pleased God, since we last came together, to call three of our fellow-workers from our field, and four others have gone to labor elsewhere; others have come in their stead, and each in his place finds something to cheer his heart in the prosecution of his work.

Your Bishop, whilst unwilling to acknowledge any wilful neglect, is compelled to admit that through want of health his labors during the past year have fallen short of many of those that have preceded it.

The following is a statement of the inconsiderable work which I have been permitted to perform:

The Sunday (May 13th) following our last Council was spent in Jackson, where I preached, and confirmed three in the forenoon, and another at the close of the afternoon service.

On my way to the Gulf Coast I had the pleasure of being present in New Orleans at the election of a Bishop for that Diocese, and of rejoicing with the brethren over the happy choice which they had made.

May 24th, passed over to Pass Christian, where I spent four days. On Sunday, 27th, I preached, administered the communion with the assistance of the Rector, and confirmed thirteen persons. It was truly gratifying to me to see this Parish recovering from the sad effects of the late war, under the zealous and judicious labors of him who first built it up, and is now imparting to it a renewed life through the agency of his two schools as well as by the faithful performance of his ministerial duty. Among the families visited was that of our late brother, the Rev. Mr. Sill, whom I found in the last stage of consumption, but resigned, cheerful, and looking with a joyful expectancy to a speedy entering into his rest. It was profitable as well as pleasant to sit beside him and hear him mingle a deep and unfeigned expression of his unworthiness, with a confident reliance on the atonement made for sinners. "The outward man" was fast perishing, but the "inner man" seemed thoroughly renewed by the spirit of Grace and loosed from all earthly ties. I counted it no small privilege to be allowed to pray with him and to administer to him that "cup" of which he was never to partake again until he should drink it "new in his Father's kingdom."

Monday, 28th, rode to Mississippi City, through a fearful storm of wind and rain, and preached next day. I was pleased at finding the Church building in very good condition, though it had not been occupied for several years, and had for the greater part of that time been in the power of an enemy that seemed to delight in defiling and destroying the Temples of God.

June 2d, reached Osyka. The next day (Sunday) I preached, administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lyon, baptized one white infant, four colored infants, and one colored adult.

Tuesday, 5th, preached in Summit, and baptized one infant. A member of this congregation generously offers an eligible lot for a Church and Rectory, together with a sufficiency of lumber for building them. The next day I reached the house of my son in Madison county, but in a very enfeebled condition. That night I baptized his youngest child by the name of Otey Polk. God grant that he may live to walk in the footsteps of those holy men.

The following day I rode to the house of Mrs. Hinton. On my way I stopped a moment to see the "Chapel of the Cross," and was grieved at heart in contrasting its present deserted and decaying condition with what it was a few years ago. It was then surrounded by its early friends and founders, and blessed with frequent ministrations, black and white sharing equally in the instructions of a faithful

Pastor. Now, strangers are pressing their boundaries close up to the sacred enclosure of his dead; mould is fast gathering on its walls, and from Lord's day to Lord's day no track is seen of any one going up to this House of Prayer.

After resting a day or two with my kind friend, Mrs. Hinton, and endeavoring to drive off the lingering fever which had for some time been pulling down my strength, I felt compelled to forego my remaining appointments for Canton, Kirkwood, and Vickburg, and turn my face homeward. Before leaving that hospitable roof I baptized four of the youngest grand-children of the family.

After stopping two days in Jackson, to gather strength for my journey, I reached home on Thursday, the 14th.

Saturday, 23d, preached in Aberdeen, and baptized two adults. Next day (Sunday) preached, baptized one white and one colored infant, and confirmed one person.

Sunday, July 1st, preached at Columbus, and administered the Holy Communion. Sunday, 8th, baptized one infant, in private, before the hour of service; preached at 11 A. M., baptized two adults, and two infants, and gave "Laying on of hands" to the two who had just been baptized.

Wednesday, 11th, at the urgent solicitation of both family and friends, and in compliance also with the expressed wish of our last Council, I left home to seek a restoration of my health in the less debilitating climate of some of our Northern States. During the three months thus employed, I performed, in various places, such services as would keep me from idleness, without unduly taxing my strength. Justice demands that I should here state that I met with a hearty welcome on every hand, and that the kindest feeling and warmest sympathy for the suffering condition of our Church was expressed wherever I went. My time was pleasantly spent, and for the most part under the hospitable roof of my highly esteemed Brother, the Bishop of New York who is as kind and liberal of heart as he is sound of judgment and fearless in the performance of duty.

July 29th, at the request of the Standing Committee of Maryland, I administered the rite of Confirmation in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore.

August 18th, in the "New York Hotel," I baptized a young girl from Florida, and afterwards confirmed her father and mother.

September 10th and 11th, on my way homeward, I administered Confirmation in St. Lucretia's Church, Baltimore, and at "Ellicott's Mills" and in St. Mark's Church, on Sunday, 23d, admitted Mr. John Hewitt to Deacon's Orders.

September, 2 d., I preached in Wilmington, North Carolina, confirming two persons; and the following Sunday, in Hillsborough, one of my former Parishes.

September, 9th, reached home, but not with the amount of health which I had fondly hoped for, a severe cold, taken on the way, having caused me to lose much of what had been gained during my absence.

Thursday, 1 th, I attended a meeting of the Trustees of the "University of the South," at Sewanee, the intended site of that Institution. Owing to the small number in attendance, but little was done beyond a careful and deliberate survey of our condition, and a unanimous and hearty resolve that, with God's help, we would go on with our work.

Sunday, 14th, was spent in Corinth. I preached, administered the Holy Communion with the assistance of the Rector, baptized three children, and confirmed three persons.

Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th, were given to Macon. On Saturday I preached in the forenoon, and afterward visited the families of the congregation. On Sunday I preached again, administered the Holy Communion, with the assistance of Rev. Mr. Harris, baptized three adults and two children, and confirmed eight persons.

Friday, November 2d, I preached in Summit, and passed on in the evening to "Chatawa Station," with the view of spending a day or two in visiting the excellent School of Rev. Mr. Lyon. To say that I was highly gratified with all that I saw would be no more than common justice to the zealous labors of the Principal and his excellent Assistant, the Rev. Mr. Hewitt, together with the other able members of the Faculty. Although not proclaimed to the world as a *Church* School, the influence of the Church is seen and felt through all its departments; and no lessons but of her teaching are impressed on the hearts of its pupils. With a most praiseworthy liberality, Mr. Lyon has opened Three Scholarships for the reception of candidates for Orders, *FREE OF EVERY CHARGE*, and has left the appointing of them with his Bishop. Such an evidence of generous devotion to the Church's interests, in this selfish money-loving age, deserves much more than this passing notice. It is with pleasure that I add, what you will be pleased to hear, that these scholarships have already been filled by three young men of promise, who are now, or soon will be, on the list of "Candidates for Orders." On the evening after my arrival I delivered a lecture, for the benefit of the more advanced

classes, on the "Literary Beauties of the Scriptures," and was much gratified with the pleased attention given by all the pupils to the subject.

Sunday, 4th, I preached in Osyka, to a full congregation, assisted in the services by Rev. Messrs. Lyon and Hewitt.

Wednesday, 7th, I had the great gratification of meeting our venerable and excellent Presiding Bishop in New Orleans, and of uniting with him and the Bishops of Alabama, Tennessee, and Arkansas, in setting apart the Rev. Joseph P. B. Wilmer, D. D., to the high and holy office of the Episcopate, as the Bishop of Louisiana. Of this most worthy Brother I could not well say too much. A long acquaintance with him justifies me in saying that the mantle of his noble and beloved predecessor could have fallen on few shoulders so worthy to bear it. Our sister Diocese may well rejoice in such a Head.

Saturday, 11th, reached Woodville, after several hours of exposure to cold and rain, and with a fever upon me, which confined me to the house during the whole of my stay; thus preventing me from visiting the congregation as well as from officiating in the Church. This was the more trying to me, as the friends and members of the Church were much depressed at the prospect of soon losing their faithful and beloved Pastor. Mr. Adams, after zealously and successfully ministering to them for six years, had felt himself compelled by the claims of a growing family, to accept a call to a Church in New Orleans. It was never less a matter of thanksgiving, both to the Pastor and people, to know that the condition of the Parish had during that time been greatly improved. On Sunday afternoon three young persons waited upon me, at my lodgings, and received the rite of "Laying on of hands."

Wednesday, and Thursday, 14th and 15th, were given to the Church in Natchez. On the 15th I preached and confirmed five persons. It was gratifying to me to see this once noble Parish showing signs of recovery from the prostration to which a time of war and a system of mismanagement had reduced it.

Sunday, 18th, preached at Church Hill, confirmed eight persons, and, with the assistance of the Pastor, administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, 19th, on reaching Port Gibson I found that the Rev. Mr. Maury had arrived and entered with zeal into the charge of the congregation. After visiting from house to house I passed into Epiphany Parish, and preached on Friday, 23d.

Saturday, 24th, returned to Port Gibson, and preached the next day to a large congregation, being assisted in the services by the Rector.

In my ride to my next appointment, at Raymond, I suffered no little from exposure to cold and rain; inasmuch that I was unable to preach, as expected, the day following my arrival. At my lodgings, however, I had the gratification of baptizing five adults and sixteen children.

On Thursday, 29th, after a short "service" in the Methodist House of Worship, I addressed a mixed congregation on the subject of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, and confirmed five persons. Our own "House" was unfit for use, having been robbed of its benches whilst used as a Hospital during the late war. It was cheering to my spirit to see with what earnest zeal the young women of the congregation were striving to repair their Church, and obtain the services of a Minister.

Friday, 30th, I rode over to Clinton, but in such an enfeebled state as to make me doubt whether it was not my duty to endeavor, without delay, to reach my home. I determined however, to go on to Vicksburg that evening, and trust the issue to the Giver of all health and strength. After keeping my bed for two days, in Vicksburg, I was enabled to preach the following Sunday.

December, 2d, confirmed twenty-two persons, and, with the aid of the Rector, administered the Holy Communion. It was truly gratifying to me to see the growing condition of this important Parish. The antiphonal singing, the general response of the congregation, and the whole manner of the service was such as to deserve my earnest commendation.

On Monday evening I set out on my return home. The cars were detained upon the road all night—a night which I shall long remember as one of much suffering. The next day (4th) I re-joined in Brandon, and at night united a couple in the bands of matrimony. On Thursday, 6th, I was truly thankful to rest upon my own bed, and be with my family once more.

Wednesday, 10th, I baptized a lady, in my parlor, a few moments previous to uniting her in marriage to one of my sons.

Saturday and Sunday, 22d and 23d, were spent in Aberdeen. On Sunday, 23d, I preached at 11 o'clock, and confirmed three persons. The prospects of this Parish have decidedly improved since the Rev. Mr. Clarke has taken it in charge.

At the close of the year I removed my family temporarily to the site of our proposed "University of the South," with the twofold view of economy and health, hoping that a sojourn of some months in that health-giving and plentiful region might re-

store some tone to my enfeebled system, and also enable me to bring my necessary expenditures more nearly within the reach of my receipts. Although the winter was one of unusual severity, it was passed in comfort, and with improving health. During that time, with few exceptions, I officiated on every Lord's day to a congregation made up of four families, several Divinity students, and a few colored persons.

The death of the Bishop of Georgia having devolved on me the Chancellorship of the "University of the South," I called a meeting of the Board at Montgomery on the 13th of February, after addressing a Circular Letter to the members and friends of the Church on the affairs of the Institution. Our meeting, though not as full as we hoped for, was marked by great unanimity and by an ardent devotion to the cause. Although three-fourths of our subscription list was lost to us by the results of the late war, it was resolved that we should proceed at once to begin our enterprise by establishing on the mountain a school of the highest character, to be called the "High School of the University," and by putting it into the hands of one in whom we hope to see united the scholar, the christian, the gentleman, and the experienced teacher. It is intended, if possible, to open its doors for the reception of pupils at the beginning of the next year if not at an earlier date. After thus plainly setting forth the condition and prospects of that noble enterprise, in which not this Diocese only, but our whole Church, and the entire South, should feel the deepest interest, need I beg you, brethren, to do all in your power to promote its welfare? No Diocese can look for more good from that contemplated Institution than ours.

April 9th, I set out to visit a few of the Parishes which lay in my way to our present Council. At the request of the Bishop of Tennessee, I officiated at four places in that Diocese through which I had to pass, and was no little gratified to find their Churches in a prosperous and still improving condition.

Thursday, April 18th, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Burton, I visited Hernando, and preached at 11 o'clock, A. M. Mr. Burton preached in the afternoon, at which time I confirmed one person. The members and friends of the Church are repairing and otherwise improving their House of Worship, which had fallen into sad decay.

Friday, 19th, preached both forenoon and afternoon in Panola, assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Burton. At night I baptized, in a private house, one adult and two children.

Saturday, 20th, at Madison Depot, I baptized three children.

Sunday, 21. (Easter Day,) was given to Canton. Assisted by Rev. Mr. Burton, I officiated at 11 o'clock, A. M., and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon Mr. Burton preached, and the rite of Confirmation was conferred on ten persons. In the evening I baptized two children at the houses of their parents.

Monday, 22d, at 8 o'clock, P. M., I officiated in Jackson. The services were conducted by the Pastor and the Rev. Mr. Burton. Though prevented by sudden hoarseness from preaching to the congregation, I was enabled to give the "Laying on of Hands" to eight persons. This Parish is evidently in a healthy and growing condition, but unable, as yet, to build a Temple for their worship in the place of that which was wantonly consumed in the flames of the late war.

The number confirmed within the Diocese since our last meeting is not more than one hundred and twenty-four. I have baptized within the same time, fourteen white adults, forty white and five colored children, and one colored adult—sixty in all.

A Parish, by the name of "Gethsemane Chapel" has been formed at Chatawa, Pike county, and will ask to be admitted into union with this Convention.

The following named young men have been admitted as candidates for Orders, viz: Stephen C. Brown, Duncan C. Green, A. Hannum, and James P. Lytton; making, in addition to those formerly reported, viz: Charles A. Cameron, Joseph Lyons and Alexander F. Samuels, M. D., the present number seven.

One Clergyman has been ordained, viz: Rev. John Hewitt.

Six Lay readers have been appointed; one each for the Parishes of Natchez, Vicksburg, Brandon, Oxford, Summit, and Woodville.

Letters Dimissory have been granted to four of our Clergy, viz: Rev. Wm F. Adams, transferred to the Diocese of Louisiana. Rev. E. H. Downing to Massachusetts, Rev. Fred. Elwell to Kentucky, and Rev. Gideon B. Perry, D. D., to Texas.

Three have been removed by death: the Rev. Wm. B. Lacey, D. D., Rev. George W. Sill, and Rev. James S. Greene.

Dr. Lacey was a man of fine scholarship, of an earnest and active piety, of long and successful experience as a Teacher, and of a forcible and animated address in the pulpit. He had reached the advanced age of more than four score years, the greater part of which had been devoted to the faithful exercise of the Ministry and

the instruction of the young. With my approval he was at the time of his death zealously engaged in preaching to the blacks, and in establishing one or more schools for their benefit. He has left an honored name behind him, and great I trust will be his reward.

Of the last days of Rev. Mr. Sill I have already spoken; but I cannot let his worth as a christian, and his work as fellow-laborer with us pass with so slight a record.

The birth and training of Mr. Sill was in one of the sects. By what the world calls accident, he became acquainted with our beautiful forms of worship, and our unquestionable title to a valid ministry, and not only comprehended them in their fulness, but grappled them to his heart, as though he had received with them a new life. His preaching was of that kind which justly deserves to be called evangelical, and his faithfulness to the wants of his people was observed and admired by all. His intellect was of a superior order, and if the claims of a family had not driven him to the school-room, he would have reached high in the pulpit. As a Teacher he was very successful, and greatly beloved by his pupils, and as a Pastor he took the "Good Shepherd" as his model and guide. Such a life might well be crowned by such an end as I have just described.

The Rev. Mr. Greene was a native of Ireland, and came to this country as a classical Teacher. He is said to have been a correct scholar, and capable of preparing his pupils for the higher "forms" of an academical course. He was of an amiable disposition and blameless life, but never very efficient as a Pastor. Of latter years his infirmities withheld him from active duties of every kind, and he died as he had lived for a number of years, in a peaceful retirement from the active scenes of a busy world.

Whilst thus sadly recalling the remembrance of these three members of our clerical body, I ought not to overlook the loss which we have sustained in the decease of our distinguished Lay Brother, Gen. T. C. Tupper. The death of such a man, at this time, when the Church is calling upon all her sons, Lay as well as Clerical, to gird themselves, and come up with her to the help of the Lord against the mighty, is one of those painful and mysterious orderings of Providence which, like the lessons of our childhood, must be submissively learned, though but little comprehended at the time. Of the distinguished rank of Gen. Tupper, as a public-spirited citizen, and as a distinguished member of the legal profession, I will let others speak. But I cannot refrain from paying this honor to his memory: that, from the first organization of the Church in Canton to the day of his death, he was one of the most active and efficient of its vestrymen, and that he went down to the grave clothed with the highest trust and most honorable office that our Church can bestow on any one of her Laity: I mean that of being chosen a member of her "Standing Committee."

Oh, how greatly does our dear mother, the Church, in this hour of contention with the corrupters even more than with the open enemies of her faith, need the strong arms of her Lay sons! And what reason has she to deplore their inactivity? Dear brethren of the Laity, shall those who minister to you be expected to intercede alone against the powers of darkness, and no Aaron or Hur rise up among you to hold up their hands? Shall a Yerger, a Smedes, a Roach, a Bidelow, a West, a Tappan, a Butler, and now a Tupper fall in the front, and not one from the rear step forward to fill their place? When our country lately called her sons to a bloody and doubtful strife, beardless youth and vigorous manhood, and hoary age, were seen con-ending for the post of toil and danger. Has the bloodless warfare then, to which the trump of God is daily sounding an "alarm," too much of sacrifice or of danger to tempt you into its ranks? If the voice of duty be too feeble to reach you amid the din of worldly strife, hear the call of honor, and of a right ambition:—"I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of God," said the royal David, "than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness." Brethren, let me tell you: The meanest office and the most laborious drudgery in the service of God, and his Church, is the highest honor and the most exalted happiness to which you could aspire. It is but the beginning of a work which will run on through eternity, with an ever-increasing delight and reward. The remembrance of it will stand by you with a consciousness and a consolation that will defy the grave. And the first sound that will greet you in the hour of your resurrection will be the "Well done good and faithful servant" of Him who is this day calling you into His service.

The following Clergy have been received into the Diocese: Rev. Ambrose W. Clark, from the Diocese of Maryland; Rev. Wm. D. Christian, from Wisconsin; Rev. John Foster, from Illinois; Rev. George C. Harris, from Tennessee; Rev. John Hewitt, from Maryland; Rev. Albert Lyon, from Louisiana; Rev. Thompson B. Maury, from Virginia, and Rev. Wm. M. Pettis, from Alabama.

The Rev. Wm. E. Phillips, and Rev. John E. C. Smedes have for some months been laboring as the assistants of Rev. Dr. Savage in his two schools, but have not yet been canonically transferred to this Diocese.

The Rev. George S. Carraway has officiated for the little flock at Terry since the commencement of the last winter, but will soon return to his home in Virginia.

The following changes have taken place among the Clergy: Rev. J. Charles Adams has removed from Middleton, a few miles nearer to Carrollton. Rev. Dr. Dana has left Port Gibson for Trinity Church, Natchez. Rev. Wm. K. Douglas has taken charge of a school in Raymond, and also of the little Church flock in that place. Rev. Mr. Fontaine has for some time been residing in New Orleans. Rev. Edmund C. Laughlin (Deacon) is completing his preparation for Priests' Orders at Nashotah, and will, by my consent, be admitted to the Priesthood in June, by the Bishop of Wisconsin. Rev. Wm. H. Phillips has taken charge of Trinity Parish in Yazoo City, and is assisted in his duties by the Rev. Mr. Christian. Rev. Mr. Presbury has recently removed to Kirkwood, and taken the Church and School of that place. Rev. Mr. Pickett is now the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

Since the meeting of our last Council my consent has been asked, and freely given to the consecration of the following named Clergymen, viz: Rev. Wm. E. Armitage as Assistant Bishop of Wisconsin. Rev. George D. Cummins as Assistant Bishop of Kentucky. Rev. Henry A. Neely, as Bishop of Maine. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, Missionary Bishop of Montana, Idaho and Utah, and Rev. Joseph P. B. Wilmer, as Bishop of Louisiana.

In the addition of these "good men and true" to our roll of Bishops we have each and all of us, real cause for rejoicing. And a further ground for thankfulness will ere long be given us in the division and subdivision of some of our larger Dioceses. Then the Bishop of each, instead of annually posting through his charge with the speed of a courier may hope to know the face of every member of his flock, and be known himself more by the influence of frequent intercourse and a paternal oversight than by his robes of office, and as it now is, his necessarily hurried performance of duties which are thus made to partake as much of the mechanical as the spiritual.

Would to God, dear brethren, that the number and the pecuniary ability of our own beloved Diocese were at this moment such as to justify its division into two Bishoprics or "Sees!" Then would your present waste places be rapidly built up, your "little ones soon become a thousand," and the Bishop be to his people something more than an annual visitant, like those birds of passage which rest only for an hour as they fly from one distant region to another.

In this connection comes the saddening remembrance of the loss of our Southern Church in the recent death of two of her Bishops, RUTLEDGE and ELLIOTT. Whatever of value attaches to a meek and humble spirit, to a benevolent heart, a liberal hand and spotless reputation, and a quiet and conscientious performance of duty, was to be found in the late Bishop of Florida, and will long and justly claim for him the grateful and affectionate remembrance of the Church.

When the intelligence of the sudden death of the Bishop of Georgia flashed throughout the whole extent of our Church, the first thought of every one was, "A Prince and a great man hath fallen this day in Israel!" A "Great Man" indeed was the late Bishop Elliott. As such he would have been regarded in any quarter of the Church, and at any period of her history. A mind solid and brilliant, a piety deep, earnest, but unostentatious; a manner mild, conciliatory, and yet of uncommon dignity, a judgment that seldom erred in its decisions, a memory that stored up for itself treasures without end; and an eloquence that had every power to charm, gave to this man of God a beauty and harmony of character that impressed itself on all who knew him, and fitted him in an unusual degree for the high and holy office of a Bishop in the Church of Christ. How he performed that office his bereaved Diocese can abundantly tell, by pointing to many a now flourishing parish where the Church was known, scarcely in name, before he first visited them. Faithful, scrupulous, and laborious in duty, he let his labors end only with his life. The Master called him from the field whilst the full sheaf was in his hand, and the sun of his day's labor seemed far from its setting. May an Elisha be found to take the place of this Elijah so suddenly and mysteriously removed out of our sight.

Of the Schools of our Diocese I have little to say beyond the notice already taken of the two principal ones, conducted by Rev. Dr. Savage and the Rev. Albert Lyon. In both of these the best instruction may be found for our sons, both in primary and classical learning, and also in the sound and Catholic teaching of the Church. St. Thomas' Hall has lain vacant for several years, having largely shared in the spoliation and desecration that gave so hideous a character to our late war. It is, however, the intention of the Rev. Mr. Pettis, who has just entered upon the charge of the Church in Holly Springs, to restore it to its former state of prosperity and usefulness. His known industry, and energy, and his past success as a Teacher encourage the hope that that Institution may, under his management, become once more a school of high character, and a credit to the Diocese.

"Wilson Hall," as well as the Parish to which it belongs, has for some time, been without a Rector. "Rose Gates Cottage," having been destroyed by the torch of war, will, I fear, never be rebuilt.

I regret to see that the "Church Intelligencer" and the "Church Visitor" have both been compelled lately to suspend their publication for want of suitable patronage. Is it not a just cause of reproach to our Southwestern Church that no paper of the kind has for any length of time been sustained amongst us.

With regard to those who were lately our slaves, but now constitute a class of "Freedmen," I have only to repeat what was said to you when we last met in council, viz: That inasmuch as they have been left in our midst by their misguided emancipators, the dictates of a sound policy as well as of an enlightened humanity demand that we should use all the means in our power for the instruction of their minds as well as the amendment of their hearts. You will remember that in December last I addressed a Pastoral Letter to you on this subject. To the counsel there given, I will add nothing more at this time, than this word of encouragement to my brethren of the Clergy, who are now instructing, or may be about to instruct, that peculiar class; be not disheartened, if you fail at first to interest them in your mode of doing them good; go on with your work, wait, pray and strive, till the present new order of things shall have settled down into a uniform state, and these men in growth, but children in understanding, shall have had opportunity to contrast the lessons which they elsewhere learn, and the atmosphere of excitement in which they are kept with the rational, spiritual and sober teaching of the Church. Then will those who were once our own come back to our quiet fold, and bring with them others, saying: "We will go with you, for we see that the Lord is with you."

I have already alluded to the liberal help which has been extended to us by the "Domestic Missionary Society" of our Church; but I feel bound to add that whatever present signs of renewed life are to be seen in the Parishes and Missionary Stations of our Diocese may justly be attributed, under the Divine blessing, to the generous aid which has come to us from that quarter. I hope, therefore, that the unanimous and hearty thanks of our present Council will be returned to the Missionary Board, with the assurance that when our Diocese shall have recovered from its present prostration, we will gladly help to swell a treasury like theirs which so liberally and impartially dispenses its benefits. It is from the many little rills of the smaller Parishes of the Church that this "River of our God" (if I may so call it,) derives its power to enrich and fertilize the field of its Church, laid waste by war, and turned out for the common pasturage of the world. Let us never withhold our contribution from its treasury. A "mite" from every man and woman of our Communion would give it a power for good which it would seem unreasonable to hope for.

I will now, without entering into particulars, simply call your attention, brethren, to the financial condition of the Diocese.

I come now in conclusion, to a subject of deep interest to the whole Church, as well as to our own particular field of labor. In October last I received a private "Circular," signed by three of our Bishops, but purporting to express the views of a much larger number on the subject of what is generally known as '*Ritualism*.' To this communication I thought it expedient to make no reply, although knowing to the fullest extent each Right Reverend Brother from whom it came, and crediting them with the purest of motives, and an earnest solicitude for the peace and welfare of the Church.

It seems that in the Church of England, for some years back, a number of her Clergy have been endeavoring, whilst strictly keeping within the pale of her Rubrics and Canons, to give such attractions to her public services as shall engage more general attention to them, especially by the young, and thereby increase the number that attend upon them as well as the effect which they are intended to produce. This work has spread from year to year in our mother Church, and is now engaging the attention of some of the leading Parishes in our Communion. How far it will be for good or evil time alone can best determine. If it had been set on foot by a young and unpledged portion of the Clerical order, more interested in the trappings than in the spirit of our services, it might be set down at once to a love of vain show, and a preference of the "mint, and anise and cummin" of the gospel to the "weightier matters" of "repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." But when it is seen that men like Keble, and Williams, and Neale, and Pusey, and Wilberforce, and our own estimable presiding Bishop approve the work, as a means of giving increased efficiency as well as attractiveness to our services, we may well pause before we join in the outcry which has been raised against it. It is to men of like spirit with these that we are indebted for many additions and improvements in our public ministrations, some of which have been made within the memory of many who are now before me. Your Bishop can re-

member when the pulpit was a mere box, and so elevated in height that the Preacher might be said literally to shoot over the heads of the people,—when chancel and altar were regarded with no more reverence than any other portion of the Church; when the minister read the whole service from another box below the pulpit, and was answered in the responses by no one save the Parish Clerk in the gallery; when the praises of the congregation could find no better expression than in the unpoetical stanzas of "Sternhold and Hopkins," sung by a choir of three or four, with the accompaniment of a bass viol; when the figure of the Cross was considered the emblem of Rome and not of our holy religion; when it was thought to be a wasteful extravagance, if not a positive sin, to expend much in giving an appropriate style of architecture and ornamentation to God's House; when the Holy Communion was considered too awful and solemn a thing to be administered except on a few holy days; when marriages and funerals were celebrated altogether in private houses; when the black gown, both in Desk and Pulpit, was deemed an appropriate emblem of the Gospel of Peace, and of the purity of those who proclaimed it; when daily prayer in the Church was not only unknown, but regarded as one of the exclusive privileges of the "Lady in Scarlet;" when the reverent bowing of the dead at the name of Jesus was a bordering on idolatry; when the term "Catholic" was supposed to belong exclusively to Rome; when the necessity of an unbroken succession in the ministry was either ignored or derided by many of our own people, and that purest branch of Christ's Holy Church to which we belong, was regarded by many who even ministered at her altar, as having no better claim to Divine authority than one of the multitudinous sects by which she is surrounded.

Now, let us look around and see how it is with us this day. How much more appropriate and becoming are the present arrangements of Pulpit, Desk, and Chancel; the whole congregation now answers responsively to the words of their Minister; the inspired words of the "sweet singer of Israel, untortured by rhyme, are fast taking the place of metrical versification; the antiphonal chant now gives a new life and spirit to our service; the white-robed Priest with his band of surpliced choristers, leads the mind of the beholder to a desire after the higher and holier worship of Angels and Arch-Angels. The deep-toned organ has driven all lighter instruments from the choir; the hallowed Cross now adorns, as it ought, both the interior and the outward workmanship of the House of God. Thousands of Temples of costly magnificence, and of the most approved architecture are fast taking the place of the low, square, unadorned and unfurnished buildings that were once thought to be good enough for God. The sacraments of our holy religion are now regarded not merely as signs or remembrances of the grace that is in Christ, but also as a means or channel by which that grace is imparted to the true believer. Daily prayer in the Church, thank God, is getting to be considered a privilege as well as a duty by many, both by the Clergy and Laity. The name of *Jesus*, in the "Creed," meets with a ready and universal obeisance from the Congregation. The more intelligent of our Communion now plainly see that there can be no authority to minister in God's name if it comes not in an unbroken succession from the Apostles; and we rejoice this day in the undoubting belief that no branch of Christ's Holy Catholic Church stands on a firmer foundation than our own.

Such are the changes which have been made in the mode of conducting the worship of our Church, within the memory of one generation, whether for the better or worse each man may judge for himself. That our Morning and Evening service, excellent as it now is, and approaching very nearly to what may be called the "Beauty of Holiness," may by the manner of its performance, be made more attractive to the young and to the casual attendant, and more impressive to those who engage in it, will hardly be questioned. What, and how many, are the additions and changes that are now being made I know not. I will only say that if they be of like nature with those which I have just enumerated; if they keep within the acknowledged limits of our Rubrics and Canons, and partake in no degree of the idolatry of Rome, I fear them not.

There are some amongst us who seem a good deal alarmed at the cry of Ritualism! Ritualism! but who do not observe that it is chiefly raised and circulated by our brethren of the denominations around us, who, however stoutly opposing us in many respects, occasionally show an earnest solicitude for our welfare. These alarmists say: "We want no innovations, no changes in any department of the Church. We want the Church as she is." Now, if "by the Church as she is," I am to understand that Divine Corporation instituted by Christ himself and intended to remain as His representative on earth, with a ministry of His own appointment to continue in unbroken succession to the end of the world, with its two blessed sacraments, and its Heavenly doctrine, continued in the New Testament and illustrated in the teachings and practice of primitive saints, if this is all I am to understand by the term "Church," then I say, with all my heart, "May she ever be as

she is." But if that endeared term is made to include, as it should do, her power to ordain rites and ceremonies; to prescribe forms of prayer and praise; to enact canons and Rubrics; to provide for the becoming performance of her public worship, and to call in to her aid to such institutions or agencies as she wants or even the tastes of each succeeding age may render expedient—such as Bible, Prayer-Book, Tract, Missionary Societies, Guilds and Sisterhoods—then I confess that I much rather take as my motto: "The Church *as she should be*." As to the taunting cry of "Rome! Rome!" it moves me not. My eyes, thank God, are wide open to the heresies, and I may even say the schism justly chargeable on that branch of Christ's Church; and therefore so long as she continues to elevate a mortal to the level with the Godhead; to prefer her intercessions and those of scores of doubtful saints to that of the "one appointed mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus;" to deny the "Cup of Blessing" to the Laity; to enact daily its farce of Transubstantiation; to demand an act of adoration for the consecrated wafer, and to claim for her Bishop (who, in God's sight, is possessed of no more jurisdiction than the Bishop of Mississippi, to claim for him universal dominion over both Church and State; so long, I trust, will I be enabled to say: "Oh, my soul enter not into her counsel; unto her assembly mine honor be not thou united." But on the other hand, when I look around me and see on every side the many agencies of that Church actively at work in proselyting the young and the uneducated; when I see her many institutions of Learning, of Religion, and of Charity; her large amount of practical wisdom; her deep insight into the weaknesses and prejudices of our poor fallen nature; the readiness with which she adapts herself to the spirit of the age, enlisting the eye, and the ear and the imagination—in a word, the *tastes* of those who attend on her services; and when I see that by these means she is daily drawing thousands into her toils, leading them to admire her policy, to favor her institutions and to attend her worship;—when all this is plainly before my eyes, I am constrained to say, that in these respects, we may, to a certain extent, profit by her example.

Let good sense, good taste, and a desire for God's glory guide us in this and in all other things in which any discretion is allowed us. In this matter I fear not to trust my Clergy and Laity; and if the one shall be tempted to exceed the bounds of propriety or the regulations of the Church, the good sense of the other will interpose a wholesome check. If both should at any time be tempted to transcend those bounds, the correction will be found in, (I will not say the authority, but rather,) the godly counsel of their Bishop.

Your loving Bishop,

W. MERCER GREEN.

APRIL 25TH, 1867.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Trinity Church, Natchez.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez, Adams county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families, number of,.....	90	Funerals,.....	17
Baptisms, Adults White,.....	1	Sunday School Teachers,.....	12
Children, White,.....	16—17	“ “ Scholars,.....	80—92
Confirmations, White,.....	5	Contributions:	
Communicants, former No., in 1861	253	Diocesan Missions,.....	\$ 70 00
Added last year,.....	16	Communion Alms,.....	160 88
Died, “ “.....	4	Bishop's Salary,.....	500 00
Removed, “ “.....	12	Con'gt ex. of Diocesan Con.....	50 00
Present number, White,.....	120	Other purposes,.....	286 25
Colored,.....	1—121		
Marriages, White,.....	13	Total,.....	\$1067 13
Colored,.....	1—14		

The condition of this Parish, when the present Rector took charge of it, was greatly depressed. Many families that had previously belonged to it had removed to other parts of the country, or were residing in Europe, while of those who remained in the city, comparatively few could do much to sustain the Church, and many had ceased altogether to attend on her services. But during the past year there have been evident indications of improvement. The size of the congregation has been steadily increasing. Many persons have returned to the Church who had temporarily abandoned it. The revenue has increased, and exertions are making to liquidate the debt which rests upon the Church. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, for which a Melodeon has recently been procured. And while nothing of very special interest has marked the spiritual condition of the congregation, the Rector has still reason to believe that his labors have not been altogether in vain.

CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

APRIL 25TH, 1867.

Christ Church, Vicksburg.

The Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families, number of,.....	124	Sunday School Teachers,.....	22
Baptisms, Adults, White,.....	29	“ “ Scholars,.....	150—172
Infants,.....	17—46	Contributions:	
Communicants, former number,....	7	For Communion Alms.....	\$358 75
Died,.....	2	For Bishop's Salary.....	500 00
Present number, White,.....	130	Donation of Parish to the Bishop,.....	132 29
Colored,.....	2—133	For Church purposes,.....	627 40
Marriages, White,.....	18		
Colored.....	4—22		\$1,618 35
Funerals,.....	18		

St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, at Jackson, Hinds county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,.....	83	Marriages, White,.....	17
Baptisms, Adults, White,.....	12	Colored,.....	2—19
Children, white,.....	17—29	Funerals,.....	13
Confirmations, White,.....	14	Sunday School Teachers,.....	10
Communicants, former number,.....		“ “ Scholars,.....	74—84
White,.....	96	Contributions—Bishop's salary,.....	\$222 15
Added,.....	16—112		WM. C. CRANE, Rector.
Died,.....	4		
Removed,.....	9—13		
Present Number, White,.....	99		

St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, Lowndes county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families,.....	30	Contributions:	
Baptisms,.....	9	Easter offering for Bishop.....	\$47 50
Communicants, present number,...	75	Bishop's salary.....	60
Marriages,.....	1	Con'gt ex. for Diocesan Con.....	15
Funerals,.....	1	For Parochial purposes,.....	147
Sunday School Teachers.....	6	For Diocesan Missions,.....	67 15
“ “ Scholars.....	40— 46		
			\$226 65

J. T. PICKETT, Rector.

The undersigned was Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs, the charge of which Parish he resigned on the first day of October, 1866, and moved to Columbus; his official acts in Holly Springs, since the last Convention, were:

Baptisms, Adult,.....	1	Marriages,.....	2
Infants,.....	18— 19	Burials,.....	1
Confirmations,.....	2		

J. T. PICKETT.

Trinity Church, Pass Christian.

The Minister of Trinity Church, Past Christian, Harrison county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families,.....	23	Contributions:	
Baptisms, Adult, White,.....	2	Diocesan Missions,.....	\$62 50
Children, White,....	10— 12	Foreign Mission, (Africa).....	10 00
Confirmations, White,.....	13	Domestic Missions,.....	20 00
Communicants, former number, 32		Communion Alms,.....	53 00
Added,.....	19— 51	Bishop's Salary,.....	120 00
Removed,.....	11	Contingent expenses,.....	15 00
Present number,.....	40	Other expenses,.....	182 00
Marriages, White,.....	3		\$462 50
Colored,.....	1— 4		
Sunday School Teachers,.....	6		
“ “ Scholars,.....	55— 61		

THOMAS S. SAVAGE, Minister.

APRIL 21ST, 1867.

Christ Church, Church Hill.

The Rector of Christ Church, at Church Hill, Jefferson county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families, number of,.....	30	Died, “.....	7
Baptisms, Children, White,.....	12	Removed, “.....	12— 19
Confirmations, White,.....	8	Present number, White,.....	51
Commc'ts, former No., White, 43		Marriages, White,.....	11
“ “ Colored, 5— 48		Colored,.....	9— 20
Added since 1862,.....	22	Funerals, since 1862,.....	15
		Contribution: Bishop's Salary,....	\$370

The above statistics are drawn from the Register only for the past year and part of the year 1865, previous to which, for near three years, the Rector was absent on duty as Chaplain in the army. During that time he performed numerous funeral services as well in hospitals as on or near the field of battle in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. At Macon in the latter State he presented two candidates for confirmation to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lay, and by whom they were confirmed. I have to acknowledge gratefully the offices of the Rev. W. K. Douglas, of Washington, Adams county, who, during my absence, visited the sick of my Parish, and performed the funeral service on several occasions. It will be seen as above, that no con-

tributions have been made by this Parish for any Church purpose, other than the Bishop's salary, since 1862. The comparative impoverished condition of this once wealthy and flourishing Parish, will, I trust, lead to more prayer, deeper humility and increased faith in the promises of God, and ere long call down upon us the Divine blessing, and thus enable the Rector to present, in future, the evidences of greater ability to "render unto God the things that be God's," for the benefit of His Church.

B. M. MILLER, Rector,

Christ Church, Holly Springs.

On the 20th of January, ult., I accepted the invitation of the Vestry of Christ Church to labor, with your consent, amongst them as their Minister. Having been connected with the Parish only a few months, I am unable to give a perfect report. Probably no Parish in the Diocese bears deeper marks of the recent eventful struggle. The Church building was robbed of all its furniture, and the community, once wealthy, so impoverished as to be hardly able to support their families. Yet they contribute liberally of their little towards the resuscitation of the Parish. Since my arrival, they have begun to repair the Church, and in a short while, we hope to have it restored to its former condition of comfort and beauty. We have also purchased a beautiful lot adjoining the Church, and, God blessing our land this year with good crops, we hope to have erected thereon at an early day, a comfortable rectory.

A growing interest in the Church has sprung up in this community, and is strongly manifested by large and attentive congregations. And, especially, have our weekly services been well attended.

Under our Father's blessing, the Parish is slowly, but surely making headway through surrounding difficulties. In the changes incident to the result of the war, this Parish suffered heavily by the removal of many earnest and working Church families.

Families, number of,.....	28	Contributions:	
Communicants, present number...	75	For Bishop's Salary,.....	\$100 00
Funerals,.....	1	For Church repairs,.....	216 00
Sunday School Teachers,.....	14	For Church purposes in gen'l	196 00
“ “ Scholars,.....	50— 64	For purchase of Rectory lot..	850 00
		For Minister's ex. to Con.....	45 00
		For con'gt funds due Con.....	15 00

The Rev. Robt. B. Croes, of the Diocese of New York, officiated, by request, in this Parish from December 23d, 1866, until my arrival.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. M. PETTIS, Deacon.

Mrs. Jackson, of the Parish of St. Andrews', has contributed, through me, the sum of twelve dollars towards the Bishop's salary.

St. John's Church, Aberdeen.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Aberdeen, Monroe county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish, for the year ending April 25th, 1867, viz:

Families. (wholly or in part) No. of,	36	Funerals,.....	6
Baptisms, Adult, White.....	4	Sunday School Teachers,.....	4
Colored,.....	1	Scholars,.....	30— 34
Infant, White,.....	1	Contributions:	
Colored,.....	4— 10	Communion Alms,.....	\$50 00
Confirmations, White,.....	5	Bishop's Salary,.....	25 00
Communicants, former number, no rec'd		Repairs on Church, etc.....	725 00
Added,.....	5	Total	\$800 00
Removes,.....	5		
Present number, White,....	42— 52		
Marriages, White,.....	2		
Colored,.....	1— 3		

The present Rector entered upon his duties in this Parish on the 19th Sunday after Trinity, (October 7th, 1866.) During the two months preceding, valuable and

efficient services had been rendered in the Parish by the Rev. Mr. Hewitt, of the Diocese of Maryland. To this auspicious beginning, the Rector attributes much of the success which has attended his own labors. For the four years preceding, the Parish had been without a Rector or regular service. Our Rt. Rev. Father in God had paid it an occasional visit, and two or three other Clergymen had officiated at different times. But being without regular service, it is not strange that the congregation scattered, and the Church went sadly out of repair. The once beautiful iron fence in front was broken down, nearly all the glass in the windows were broken out; large portion of the plastering on the walls had fallen off, &c., &c. It gives the Rector pleasure to state that the congregation has come forward nobly, and applied themselves to the work of repairs and improvement in earnest. About \$800 have already been expended (nearly all of the money having been raised in the Parish, excepting \$100 collected by a friend of the Parish in N. Orleans), and something remains to be done. A neat fence stands in front, the windows have been re-glazed, the external wood work repainted, the walls replastered and colored, and the pews reset. In all this, only \$100 debt has been contracted, and this will soon be paid.

A. W. CLARKE, Rector.

St. JOHN'S CHURCH, Aberdeen, Miss., Easter Monday, 1867.

St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

In the absence of any Rector, the Senior Warden of St. Peter's Church, Oxford, Mississippi, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement, taken from the Register of the Parish:

Number of Families,.....	13	Confirmations,.....	1
Communicants,.....	22	Contributions:	
Students of the Univ., Communic'ts,	5	To Bishop's Fund,.....	\$75 00
Baptisms,.....	1	Contingent expenses,.....	10 00
Marriages,.....	1		

The Warden and Vestry have earnestly invited the Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., to assume the Rectorship of this Parish. He has not yet given a definite answer.

THO. E. B. PEGUES, Senior Warden.

Calvary Church, Holmes County.

The Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement, from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,.....	12	Contributions:	
Baptisms, Children, White,.....	3	Diocesan Missions,.....	\$ 17 40
Communicants, former number,...	24	Domestic Missions,.....	17 30
Added,.....	5	Bishop's salary,.....	52 50
Removed,.....	2	Easter offer for Bishop's salary,	42 78
Present number,.....	27	Contingent expenses of Conv.	10 00
Marriages, White,.....	2	Parochial purposes,.....	12 00
		Total contributions,.....	\$144 98

In addition to the above, I have to report the following Baptisms, viz:

At Wheeling, Adults, White,...	7	At Black Hawk, Carroll county,	
" Colored,.....	1— 8	Adults, White,.....	2
Children, White,.....	7	Children, White,.....	6
" Colored,.....	4— 11		

B. HALSTED, Rector.

Epiphany Parish, Claiborne County.

As Senior Warden of this Parish I submit the following report of ministrations during the past year:

Baptisms, Infant,.....	2	Contributions:	
Funerals,.....	2	Bishop's salary.....	\$55 00
		Contingent expenses,.....	25 00
			\$80 00

The absence of a Pastor has left the Parish in such an uncertain and unsettled condition, that no definite report can be made as to the number of families and communicants.

APRIL 26TH, 1867.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. McCALEB, Senior Warden.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, that he has been without Parochial charge during the Canonical year, last past. He has, however, constantly officiated, and lectured, each Sunday, at his own residence, to his family, and such of his neighbors as desired to worship there; and to the working people upon his place. He has to report:

Baptisms, Infants, White.....	4	Marriages.....	3
Colored.....	5— 9	Burials.....	1

KILMARNOCK, APRIL —, 1867.

Very respectfully, F. W. BOYD.

St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.

Rev. W. Presbury presents the following report to the Bishop of the Diocese:

In February last I was called to the Rectorship of this Parish, to which place I immediately removed to take charge of the Parish in connection with a school. My imperfect health has not permitted me to officiate publicly in Church. I hope soon, however to be able to assume all the ordinary duties of the Ministry.

Families connected with the Parish, ..	8	Baptisms, Infant,	3
Communicants,	9	Marriages,	1

Respectfully,

W. PRESBURY.

Christ Church, Summit.

The Rector of Christ Church, at Summit, Pike county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,	6	Contributions:	
Communicants, former No., White, ..	22	Alms,	\$ 32 00
Present, number, White,	22	Bishop's Salary,	20 00
Marriages, White,	1	Con'gt ex. of Diocesan Con.	5 00
Sunday School Teachers,	6	For Rector's Salary,	115 00
" " Scholars,	30— 36		
		Total Contributions,	\$182 00

JOHN HEWITT, (Deacon) Rector Elect.

Church of the Saviour, Osyka.

The Rector of the Church of the Saviour, at Osyka, Pike county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Families, number of,	6	Sunday School Teachers,	6
Baptisms, Adults, White,	8	" " Scholars,	40— 46
Children, White,	5— 13	Contributions:	
Confirmations, Colored,	1	Communion Alms,	\$52 23
Comm'ts, former No. White, ..	33	Bishop's Salary,	20 00
Colored, ..	3— 36	Con'gt ex. of Diocesan Con.	5 00
Added,	1	For support of Minister,	70 00
Removed,	15	Purchase of Melodeon,	160 00
Present number, White, ..	19		
Colored, ..	3— 22	Total Contributions,	\$307 28

JOHN HEWITT, (Deacon) Rector Elect.

In addition to services rendered at Summit and Osyka, the undersigned has been acting as Chaplain to the Rev. Albert Lyon's School at Chatawa—and for the sake of a competent support, is employed in the School as teacher, for five or six hours a day, five days of the week.

Here he has officiated on two Sundays of the month, reading the service and preaching, both morning and evening; also, at daily morning and evening prayers. Of the young men of the School, he has baptized five, and of the children in the neighborhood three, four of which baptisms are included in the report of Church of Saviour, Osyka.

Ten of the young men are preparing for confirmation, and anxiously awaiting the Bishop's visitation. The number of communicants is thirteen. The parents of the majority of the pupils are dissenters, and of course much caution must be used in order to preserve the religious harmony of our little commonwealth.

A Parish was organized last November, under the supervision of Mr. Lyon, who, after an election of Vestry and Church Wardens, was made Rector. At a regular meeting of the Vestry, January 28th, 1867, it was decided, that the newly founded Church, should be known as "Gethsemane Chapel."

At present we hold service in the School Room, which the generosity and zeal of Mr. Lyon have fitted up in such a style as to render it comparatively easy, when Sunday comes, to metamorphose it into a perfectly Church-like room, with chancel, a tar, credence-table and pulpit.

Great interest is manifested in religious matters generally, and ere long, with a blessing upon the efforts which are being put forth; we hope to see a Church edifice built in these Pine Woods, which shall afford proper accommodations for prayer and devotion, to these faithful young followers of Him who prayed in the garden of Gethsemane, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

JOHN HEWITT.

Church of the Redemption, Hinds County.

The Rector of this Church reports to the Bishop the following statement of its condition:

Baptisms, White, Infant,.....	1	Communicants,.....	7
Marriages, White,.....	1	Removed,.....	2
Colored,.....	8—9	Present number,.....	7
Families,.....	3		

The families now all live between three and four miles from the place of worship, which was a small log house built during the war for temporary use. The Rector was absent from home most of the year. The wretchedness of the roads, the want of conveyances, the absolute necessity of remaining at home to guard their home from theft and robbery made the attendance of the few left in this desolated neighborhood, very small and irregular. He has removed to New Orleans, and the Parish is without a Church, or services of any minister, and without the means of getting one. This is one of the dark and desolate spots left in the destroying track of the armies of the United States, almost a wilderness, where in 1860, the fair and fertile region teemed with abundance, and a happy and contented population, lived ignorant of oppression and want. White and black are now familiar with both.

EW'D FONTAINE.

Meridian Mission.

The Missionary in charge of Meridian Mission reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from his Register up to the 25th of April, 1867:

MERIDIAN—CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR.

Families, number of,.....	10	Contributions:	
Baptisms, Adults,.....	8	Dom. Missions,.....	\$5 30
" Infants,.....	7—15	Communion Alms,.....	7 00
Confirmations,.....	8	Easter offering for B'p,.....	10 00
Communicants, former number,.....	4	Parochial School, 1 lot,.....	125 00
Added,.....	16—20	For Organ,.....	300 00
Marriages,.....	1	For Rectory,.....	300 00—\$747 30
Funerals,.....	1	Other Cont's for Rectory:	
Sunday School Teachers,.....	4	Mrs. A. H. Hampton,.....	400 00
" " Pupils,.....	18	Rt. Rev. Bp. Green,.....	200 00
		Int. on same 12 months,.....	40 00
		Friend of the Mission,.....	150 00—790 00
		Total,.....	\$1,537 30

BRANDON—ST. LUKE'S PARISH.

Families, number of,.....	15	Marriages,.....	4
Baptisms, Adults,.....	4	Sunday School Teachers,.....	5
" Infant,.....	1— 5	" Pupils,.....	22
Confirmations,.....	10	Contributions:	
Communicants, former number,...	25	Communion Alms,.....	\$33 80
Present number,.....	35	Easter offering for Bp. Green,...	25 00

SHUQUALAK—CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH.

Families, number of,.....	6	Marriages,.....	3
Baptisms, Adults,.....	3	Sunday School Teachers,.....	2
" Infants,.....	1— 4	" Pupils,.....	8
Communicants, former number,...	19	Contributions:	
Removed,.....	3	Bishop's Salary,.....	\$10 00
Died,.....	1	Contingent Ex. Con.,...	5 00
Present number,.....	17	Sundries,.....	10 00—\$25 00

MACON—CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY.

Families, number of,.....	12	Contributions:	
Baptisms, Adults,.....	5	For Rectory at Meridian,.....	\$65 00
" Infants,.....	3— 8	" Bishop's Salary,.....	50 00
Confirmations,.....	11	" Domestic Missions,.....	19 50
Communicants, former number,...	16	Communion Alms,.....	25 00
Present number,.....	28		
Funerals,.....	1		\$159 50

ENTERPRISE—MISSION STATION.

Families,.....	8	Baptisms, Infants,.....	2
Communicants,.....	15	Marriages,.....	1

LAUDERDALE SPRINGS—MISSION STATION.

Families,.....	4	Communicants,.....	5
Baptisms, Infants,.....	6		

DEKALB—MISSION STATION.

Families,.....	4	Communicants,.....	8
FORREST—MISSION STATION.		QUITMAN—MISSION STATION.	
Communicants,.....	2	Communicants,.....	2
MORTON—MISSION STATION.		STATE LINE—MISSION STATION.	
Communicants,.....	3	Communicants,.....	4
LAKE—MISSION STATION.		GARLANDSVILLE—MISSION STATION.	
Communicants,.....	3	Communicants,.....	2
Wahalak—MISSION STATION.			
Communicants,.....	3		

SUMMARY.

Families, number of,.....	59	Marriages,.....	9
Baptisms, Adults,.....	20	Funerals,.....	2
" Infants,.....	20— 40	Sunday School Teachers,.....	11
Confirmations,.....	29	" Pupils,.....	48
Communicants,.....	149	Contributions,.....	\$1,780 60

The undersigned is very desirous of securing the aid of an additional Missionary in his charge. The duties devolving upon him are daily increasing, and new openings are constantly made for the Church.

By the first of November next he trusts to have in successful operation a Mission Free School at Meridian. We are deeply in need of a Church Edifice at this point.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, this is a Missionary work of importance to the Diocese. I appeal to you for that pecuniary aid without which it cannot go on. If the hand of our God continues good upon me, and you will give me your counsel, your prayers, and your aid, I promise you to keep the standard of Christ's Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church afloat, or fall in the effort.

H. C. HARRIS.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Easter Monday, 1867.

Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

Trinity Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi, offers the following report to the Bishop of the Diocese:

Baptisms, white, (adults 4, infants 6,).....	10	Pupils in Parish Day School.....	45
Baptisms, colored, (adults 1, infants 6,).....	7—17	Communions administered.....	14
Marriages.....	4	Communion Offerings.....	\$51 95
Funerals.....	2	Special Offerings.....	79 15
Communicants, White.....	39	Other Offertories.....	105 90
“ Colored.....	1—40	Whole am't rec'd thro' Offertory, \$237 00	
Sunday School Teachers.....	6	To Dom. Mi-s.....	13 75
“ “ Scholars.....	35	Special collection for bell, ...	180 00

On taking charge of this Parish, July 1, 1866, it was in a disorganized condition. A house belonging to the Baptists had been fitted up for public worship. Nothing was left of a once well-organized Parish but the altar, bible and prayer-book, and plated communion service. The Church and organ had been destroyed. The Parish Register has not yet been found.

Morning prayer has been offered daily. Evening prayer on Sundays and Fridays. During Holy Week, morning and evening prayer was offered daily.

Rev. Wm. D. Christian took charge of the Boy's School November 1, and assisted me on Sundays.

Respectfully,

WM. H. PHILLIPS.

YAZOO CITY, April 23, A. D. 1867.

St. Jude's Church, Corinth.

The Rector of St. Jude's Church, at Corinth, Tishomingo county, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families, number of.....	6	Communicants, removed.....	1
Baptisms, Adults.....	3	Present number.....	14
“ Children.....	4—7	Marriages.....	3
Confirmations.....	3	Funerals.....	2
Communicants, former number.....	10	Sunday School Teachers.....	3
Added.....	7	“ “ Scholars.....	20
Died.....	2		

The congregation have aided me in building, during the past year, a house 22 by 40 feet, at a cost of \$800, which is used as a School Room and Church. It is well seated and otherwise arranged for Church services, and furnished with a Cabinet Organ. There is an encouraging prospect for the growth of the congregation at this place. The impoverished condition of the people, however, is such that I have not called upon them for contributions of any sort, beyond that above named. I have been engaged in teaching during the year past, and have been unable in consequence to visit other neighboring points at which I once preached and found attentive congregations.

Very respectfully,

W. H. BURTON.

Report of Rev. Albert Lyon.

Bishop: It is now twenty months since I began in these woods, a Boarding School for boys, and as “the Church” is our watchword, possibly the Council will be pleased to hear in detail the character of the School. Academic in its course of studies, military in its discipline, scriptural in its theology, and with a strict rendering of the Rubrics for its Ritual, it presents itself to the Church to-day, a School training boys to be good and intelligent men in this world.

Its organization consists of seventy-three students with a competent corps of officers and instructors, under the Rev. Albert Lyon, Master.

I have the Boarding Department in the best of hands, my mother's. Students are required to attend morning and evening Prayer, and Sunday morning worship. At its organization there were but two communicants and this leads me to speak of one of the most interesting events to be brought before the attention of the

Council, I mean the assembling of November last, after deliberate preparation of twenty-odd Christian boys, solemnly and prayerfully to organize a Church to be known as GETHSEMANE CHAPEL.

The Vestry consists of seven, all of whom, (my pupils) are communicants or earnestly desiring soon to be, and I am their happy Rector. From their Parish Register (which has been kindly presented them, together with a handsome Bible and Prayer Book) the following report can be made;

Baptisms,.....	10	Communion Alms,.....	\$ 6 50
Communicants,(7 boys and 6 ladies)	13	Contributed to Bishop's Fund,...	\$23 35
Candidates for confirmation,.....	11		

We have sent from the Parish, the name of Jas. P. Lytton, properly certified as a candidate for Holy Orders, and we have in the Parish three others who are preparing for the Ministry.

I desire to express my indebtedness to my younger Brother in Christ, John Hewitt, Chaplain, for most valuable assistance given on every occasion in which the Church could be served. His report is a modest statement of his labors.

The scholastic year is closing and the condition of the School is such as to confirm my determination to offer you the Scholarship mentioned in its Catalogue of 1866-67.

I commend my School to the prayers and kindly wishes of Churchmen and I am grateful to God for the success which it has met at His hands.

GETHSEMANE, CHAPEL, April 23d, 1867.

ALBERT LYON, Rector.

Report of Rev. G. S. Carraway.

The undersigned, a Visiting Clergyman, would respectfully report, that, since the middle of last December, he has officiated in the Church at Terry, giving occasional services to Grace Church, Canton.

Marriages, White,.....	3	Baptisms, White Infants,.....	3
Colored,.....	4—7	Funeral, “ “.....	1

The congregation at Terry has so increased that there are few vacant seats. The interest evinced in the service encourages the hope that there are some persons ready to declare themselves on the Lord's side.

On several occasions the Church has been open for the freedmen, when their appreciation of the privilege has been shown by their large attendance. Many now worship with the white congregation, and in one instance some participated in the Holy Communion.

The ministrations of the undersigned will cease early in May. He cherishes the hope that the work so encouragingly commenced will be continued for the glory of God and the welfare of His holy Church.

TERRY, Hinds county, Miss.

G. S. CARRAWAY.

Report of Rev. George C. Harris.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that, in the month of October, he became Missionary in Issaquena and Washington counties, but up to the present time has been compelled, by the almost impassable condition of the swamp, to confine his labors to the former county. Here he has made no effort as yet to build a church, for the reason chiefly that he has had almost exclusive use of a Chapel in the immediate neighborhood, to which there is a congregation already attached. The full service (except the ante-communion) have been used, and the response is quite full. Indeed, the demand for copies of the Prayer Book has been quite large. Until the recent overflow rendered it inconvenient, not to say impossible, for a congregation to assemble, these services were held regularly every other Sunday, the alternate Sundays being given to the freedmen. The number of these last predominating so largely in these counties, your Missionary considers his duty to be mainly among them. He has established a Free School for the benefit of their children, and many of the pupils are progressing satisfactorily. They are catechised weekly. As before stated, special services are held twice a month, and your Missionary has the satisfaction to report that his congregation has steadily increased in number up to the present time. They have learned to recite the Confession, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a portion of the Litany, which constitute the only

responsive portions of the service yet attempted. There are in the neighborhood many preachers of their own color, some of whom have renounced the Bible and claim direct inspiration for themselves, exercising a pernicious influence. Your Missionary feels it his duty to record his regret that any cause should have operated to prevent any efficient working of the Church Freedman's Association, organized at the last General Convention, and his belief that the failure results from lack of confidence in those who alone could give it efficiency in the Reverend Clergy of the South. There have been performed in this Mission the following official acts:

Baptisms, Infants, White,.....	1	Communicants, number White,.	4
“ Colored,.....	13— 14	“ Colored,.....	5— 9
Burials, White.....	3		
Colored,.....	2— 5		

GEO. C. HARRIS.

Report of Rev. Wm. D. Christian.

I came into this Diocese last November. Since that time I have been engaged in teaching a boy's school, which was established and is carried on under the auspices of the Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City. On Christmas day last I officiated and administered the holy communion in the Church in Canton. I also officiated there on the Sunday previous. My other official acts have been confined to assisting the Rector of Trinity Church in his Sunday duties and upon some other occasions.

WM. D. CHRISTIAN.

ABSTRACT

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Convention of the Diocese of Mississippi,

FOR THE YEARS 1862, 1863, 1865, AND 1866, THERE HAVING BEEN NO CONVENTION
HELD IN THE YEAR 1864.

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Diocese was held in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, April 24, 1862. Present, of the Clergy:

RT. REV. WM. MERCER GREEN, D. D., REV. W. C. CRANE, REV. F. ELWELL, REV. E. FONTAINE, REV. JAMES A. FOX, REV. J. D. GIBSON, REV. R. F. CLUTE, REV. H. C. HARRIS, REV. BENJ. HALSTEAD, REV. W. W. LORD, D. D., REV. J. T. PICKETT, REV. GEORGE R. RODENSTEIN, REV. T. S. SAVAGE, M. D., REV. JOSEPH SPENCER, D. D., REV. W. H. PHILLIPS, REV. T. D. OZANNE, REV. GEORGE W. SILL, AND REV. W. F. ADAMS.

The following Lay Delegates were in attendance:

W. C. Smedes, Christ Church, Vicksburg; A. Sneed, Grace, Canton; E. M. Yerger and D. P. Porter, St. Andrews, Jackson; William McWillie, St. Philip's, Kirkwood; T. E. B. Pegues, St. Peter's, Oxford; R. S. Stith, Christ's, Holly Springs; Jas. T. Green, Chapel of the Cross, Madison county.

Rev. W. C. Crane was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, and Rev. W. F. Adams appointed Assistant Secretary.

Col. John Duncan was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

Christ Church, Summit, Pike county, was received into union with the Convention.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Constitution adopted as the proposed Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Confederate States of America, by the Convention held at Columbia, South Carolina, in October, 1861, be, and hereby is, ratified by this Convention.

The following amendment to the Constitution of this Diocese was proposed and adopted, subject to the ratification of the next Convention:

Resolved, That whenever the term "the United States" occurs in our Diocesan Constitution and Canons, it shall be erased, and "the Confederate States" inserted.

The next Convention appointed to be held in Jackson, on the 4th Thursday in April, 1863.

The Committee on the state of the Church reported as follows:

The Committee on the state of the Church, in reporting the result of their investigations, are happy to be able to state, that they find many encouraging indications of improvement. The increase in the number of those who have received the rites of Baptism and Confirmation, together with the additions to the Clergy of the Diocese, confirms the impression.

But especially would they express their gratitude to the great Head of the Church, that many of the heads of families have become more sensible of their duty in regard to the religious instruction of their servants. The statistics of the past year show that many more of this class of persons have been under careful domestic teaching, and have been baptized and confirmed. May God dispose the hearts of *all* masters and mistresses to follow their good examples, and in spiritual as well as temporal things, "to give their servants what is just and equal, knowing they also have a Master in Heaven."

The Committee also remark, that the present season of trial in matters of business, and in our family and social relations, has been met by greater diligence and earnestness in public worship, and by much self-denial for the assistance of the suffering and needy.

May our beloved Church learn more and more what it is so to profit by the Divine dealings as to "count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations."

F. ELWELL, Chairman.

The following is a summary of Parochial Reports so far as handed in:

Families, number of,.....	539	Communicants, Died,.....	20
Baptisms, Adults, White,....	56	" Removed,.....	41
" Colored,....	149	Marriages, White,.....	25
" Infants, White,....	146	" Colored,.....	13— 38
" Colored,....	346— 697	Funerals,.....	62
Communicants, White,.....	857	Sunday Schools, Teachers,....	58
" Colored,.....	182—1039	" Scholars,.....	896— 454
" Added,.....	164	Contributions,.....	\$9,824 20

The following Clerical and Lay Deputies were elected to the General Council to be held at Augusta, Georgia, on the 2d Wednesday of November, 1862.

REV. W. C. CRANE, REV. W. W. LORD, D. D., REV. THOS. S. SAVAGE; MESSRS. WM. McWILLIE, W. C. SMEDES and T. E. B. PEGUES.

ALTERNATES.—REV. MESSRS. J. T. PICKETT, W. F. ADAMS and BENJAMIN HALSTED; MESSRS. Richard Evans, A. M. Clayton and Martin W. Ewing.

BISHOP'S JOURNAL AND ADDRESS FOR 1862.

BELOVED BRETHREN: A kind Providence once more permits us to assemble in Council, but amid circumstances well calculated to lessen our self-dependence, and to call for deep searchings of heart. The dark cloud which lowered over the land when we last met together has since burst in all its fury, and almost every portion of our Confederacy is filled with war, and war's alarms. A cruel and unrelenting foe is pressing us on every side; the best blood of our people has been copiously poured out upon the altar of our country, and many a home and many a heart that lately rejoiced in the living father, husband, brother, and son, now mourns them dead.

But it is not a suffering and bleeding country only that calls for our sympathy and our prayers. Our Confederate Church mourns a veteran leader fallen, and our own little band misses this day a younger brother from our side. A few weeks since, the public prints announced the painful intelligenc of the death of the venerable and truly excellent Bishop of Virginia, who for more than half a century had faithfully served in the Ministry of Christ. Few men have been more laborious or more successful in their work. None have been more justly loved and esteemed; nor has the death of any servant of God ever been more feelingly deplored than that of Bishop Meade. As long as his declining powers lasted his labors were continued, and the last act of his life was to give to our sister Diocese of Alabama an overseer every way fitted to superintend the work of God in that important field.

Far different were the dying circumstances of our young soldier-brother, Weller. His spirit went up on high from the midst of the battle-field; but he was not unprepared for that rude and sudden call. He had gone into the ranks, and patiently borne the toils and privations of the common soldier for the purpose of getting nearer to the hearts of his comrades in arms. After distinguishing himself for uncommon bravery and the faithful performance of all his duties, he was appointed Chaplain of his Regiment, with the prospect of much usefulness before him. But the measure of his days was near its end. On the memorable field of "Shiloh" he fell amid the thickest of the fight. Thus passed from amongst us a man in whom were blended the simplicity of the child, the purity and gentleness of woman, the dauntless courage of the soldier, and the unaffected piety of the christian. May the God of the widow and the fatherless temper this fearful blow to the heart of his aged and doting mother.

From this saddening record I pass on to the detail of my labors for the past year.

Immediately after the adjournment of our last Convention I accompanied the Rev. Dr. Savage to the Chapel of the Cross, he being about to take that Parish under his charge.

On the following Sunday, May, 5th, I preached on Deer Creek, in the forenoon, to a full congregation, and in the afternoon to a very large number of blacks.

During a stay of several days I visited nearly every family interested in the Church; and also united two colored couples in matrimony.

Wednesday, 8th, I preached in Greenville, and baptized one infant.

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, the 11th, 12th, and 13th, were spent in the Parish of St. John's, Lake Washington. On Sunday I preached to a pretty full congregation, notwithstanding the limited notice which had been given of my coming.

After visiting almost every one of the families of the Parish I returned to Greenville, and the following day, 15th, preached at a school house ten miles distant, up Deer Creek.

The next day was spent in visiting several families.

Friday, 17th, I baptized, at the house of Mrs. Ann Barrow, twenty-nine of the children of her slaves—their mistress standing as sponsor for all of them. Would to God that more of their masters and mistresses amongst us would thus prove to the world that they owe a higher duty to their slaves than that of merely providing for their bodily wants. In the eye of God, the relation of master and servant comes next, in its awful responsibilities, to that of parent and child.

As I passed on my way up Lake Bolivar I administered the rite of Confirmation to a lovely young woman whom Death had evidently marked for his own; but the Lord of Death and the Grave had made her to rejoice over them both. Seldom have I seen so striking an instance of pious and holy resignation in one upon whom life was just opening with all its power to charm.

Friday and Saturday, 17th and 18th, were spent in visiting several families in the neighborhood of Lake Bolivar.

On Sunday, 19th, I baptized two children on my way to Prentiss, where I preached at 11 o'clock, in the Court House, to a Congregation unusually large considering the state of the roads and the overflow in the river. This was the first time that the services of our Church were ever witnessed in that place. In the afternoon I baptized in the hotel two children.

On my return to Jackson, in the absence of the Rector, I baptized an adult member of his congregation, on Wednesday, the 22d of May.

Friday, May 20th, accompanied by Mr. Wm. H. Phillips, a candidate for Orders, I received Pass Christian and remained four days.

On Trinity Sunday, 26th, I admitted Mr. Phillips to the Order of the Deacons, administered the Holy Communion, and gave the "Laying on of hands" to seven persons. I also catechised the children of the Church before the commencement of the services. On Sunday evening I made an address to the Pupils of Trinity Female School; and preached in their large and commodious school-room the evening of the following day.

Wednesday and Thursday, 29th and 30th, were given to Biloxi. At 11 o'clock on Wednesday I preached, and Mr. Phillips the next day. On this latter occasion I confirmed four persons, and made an address to the congregation on the duty of putting forth all their energies to continue the ministrations of the Church among them. In the afternoon I baptized an infant at the house of one of the citizens.

June 1st and 2d found me at Mississippi City. On Saturday, the 1st, I visited several families and baptized one adult and two children. Sunday, the 2d, I preached in the new Church to a large congregation, and administered the Communion. In the evening I baptized one infant and one colored adult; and to the latter administered the rite of Confirmation the next morning.

My last appointment on the Coast was at Shiloborough, where I spent four days. I preached to a small number on Tuesday, the 4th, and again the next day to a pretty full congregation. On this latter occasion four young persons renewed their baptismal vows in the rite of Confirmation.

On Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th, I preached at Osyka; on Sunday administering the Holy Communion, and confirming two persons.

Wednesday, 12th, I confirmed in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, one person—the aged and venerable mother of the Rector.

Sunday, 16th, I preached at "Terry" to a small congregation. I was assisted by Dr. Spencer, through whose kindness this little flock enjoys two services in the month.

Wednesday, 19th, I again administered the rite of Confirmation in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson—six persons thus taking the vows of the Lord upon them.

The next day, the 20th, I set out to attend the Primary Convention of the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Confederate States, which had been appointed to meet at Montgomery, Alabama, on the 3d of July. That Convention, you well remember, was held at the recommendation of two of our older Confederate Bishops for the purpose of considering and arranging our relations to the Protestant Episcopal

Church in the United States. It was truly gratifying to see how prompt and full was the answer to this call; and still more with what heartiness and unanimity our deliberations were conducted. All was done which the occasion demanded, and which our delegated power would permit us to do. A printed copy of our proceedings is herewith laid upon your table. The only cause for regret on that occasion was the absence of some of the older as well as younger of the Bishops of our Confederacy—an absence, however, excusably accounted for by the "wars and rumors of wars" that then filled the land.

On my way to and from that Convention I visited Mobile and several other places in Alabama, performing, at the request of the Standing Committee of that Diocese, such acts as would not interfere with the superior claims of my own field of labor.

Immediately after my return home I visited St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood. On Sunday, the 28th, I preached both forenoon and afternoon, and confirmed two young persons, pupils of Rev. Mr. Downing's school. The cordial greeting which has always met me in every family of this little Parish, was, on this occasion, mingled with a starting tear. A shade of sadness rested on every brow, for intelligence had just reached that loving and closely united circle, that the "fortunes of war," or rather an All-wise but Inscrutable Providence, had offered on the altar of their country the lives of two who were justly dear to all their hearts—a brave and generous youth, and a loving and noble-hearted father of a family.

Saturday and Sunday, 3d and 4th August, were spent in Hillsborough, the Seat of Justice for Scott county. On Sunday I preached in the Court House to an attentive congregation, baptizing two adults, and confirming three persons. One of the two thus baptized had been a subject of that Ordinance in her infancy, but had justly become dissatisfied with the authority of the Administrator.

My next visit was the following week to the "Chapel of the Cross," where I preached on Sunday, the 11th, assisted in the services by Rev. Dr. Savage.

On Saturday, 17th, I reached Monticello, after riding several hours in the rain. The next day I preached in the forenoon, and in the afternoon baptized two adults, and confirmed one of them. Before I left the place I gave commission to one of the Vestry to act as Lay Reader.

Wednesday, August 21st, I confirmed, in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, one person. That person was a mere youth, who was in a few hours to set off for the field of war, two of his brothers having preceded him. These three sons were the best offering which your Bishop could make to the service of his country. To this he has lately added the intense of heartfelt supplication for the speedy and successful termination of our present struggle.

Sunday, 25th, I preached in Clinton, and confirmed two persons.

Sunday, September 1st, in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, I admitted Henry Canova Harris to the Order of Deacons. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Crane, who also presented the candidate.

On the following day, in compliance with an invitation from the Standing Committee of Alabama, I set out to perform such official acts in that Diocese as my other obligations would allow. In this work I was laboriously engaged until the meeting of our adjourned Convention, in Columbia, South Carolina, on the 16th of October. During the ten days previous to that time I was occupied with the committee appointed in preparing a Constitution and Canons for the action of the Convention. Of the members composing that Convention, of the wisdom and good feeling which characterized their deliberations, and of the work which they performed, I need not here speak, as their Journal has been widely disseminated, and now lies upon your table. The Constitution which was there formed and proposed as the Constitution of our Church in the Confederate States is now laid before you for your consideration and ratification. Whilst I cordially approve its general provisions, and acknowledge its superiority over that by which we have heretofore been guided, I cannot but deeply regret that in giving a name or title to our new Organization, one had not been chosen expressive of our Apostolic and Catholic character, in the place of that which seemingly ranks us as one among the many sects of which the last three centuries have been so prolific. If any form or phase of christianity on this Continent deserves the name of Catholic, or American Catholic, it is our own Anti-Roman, Anti-Sectarian Branch of Christ's Church.

If the Constitution shall be ratified by you, it will then be your duty to elect three Clerical and three Lay Deputies to the General Council, to be held in Augusta, Georgia, on the second Wednesday of next November.

October 1st, I admitted John Joseph May as a candidate for Holy Orders.

The three weeks following the Convention were spent in visiting my three sons in the army, two of whom had just passed the ordeal of one of our most hard fought battles. I hope I may be pardoned for using this occasion to express and

record my deep and heartfelt sense of the Divine goodness in preserving them unhurt, and in enabling them to do their duty.

In November I commenced my visitation of the Eastern portion of the Diocese, beginning at Corinth, where, on the 16th and 17th, I preached several times, baptized two children, and confirmed three persons.

The following week I visited Pontotoc, where, on the 22d, I preached, baptized one child and one adult, and confirmed one person.

My next appointment was for Grace Church, Okolona, where I spent four days, preaching daily, baptizing two infants, and confirming three whites and fourteen colored persons.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 27th, 28th, and 29th, were given to Aberdeen. I preached twice and confirmed eight persons.

At Columbus I spent the next four days, preaching three times, administering the Holy Communion, and confirming two persons.

December, Thursday and Friday, 5th and 6th, were devoted to DeKalb. On both days I preached, and on the latter baptized four children.

At the "Church of the Messiah" I spent the three following days. On Sunday, the 8th, preached, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized one child.

Finding that the disturbed condition of the country had withdrawn a large portion of the people from their homes, I determined to visit no more of the places below. Turning my face homeward I reached my family, December 10th, after an absence of more than three months.

Sunday, 15th, preached for the Rector of St. Andrew's Church.

Sunday 22d, was spent at Kirkwood. A continuous rain preventing the congregation from assembling at the Church, I preached to a goodly number in the parlor of Governor McWillie.

December 26th, (Christmas day) officiated in the place of the Rector of St. Andrew's, who was compelled by family affliction, to be absent from his flock on that holy season.

Sunday 29th. In Vicksburg I admitted to the Deaconate, Henry G. Perry and Edmond C. Laughlin. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Dr. Lord, who, also, at my request, delivered a discourse suited to the occasion.

Sunday, January 5th, 1862, I preached in Madison county, at the residence of Mr. Fred. J. Hill. The congregation consisting altogether of his family and servants.

My discourse was adapted to the latter; and as on all such previous occasions, I was highly gratified at the earnestness with which they engaged in the services, and the seriousness and apparent interest shown in the word preached to them. Under this roof I was thankful to find another family to be added to the praiseworthy few who care for the souls of their slaves. On every Lord's day, forenoon, they unite with the family in the more edifying and appropriate portions of our Church service, and listen to a plain and instructive discourse read by their master. In the afternoon they are faithfully instructed, and catechised by their mistress, in the knowledge and obedience of the Gospel. At the close of the services, and after setting before them the nature and obligations of Baptism, I administered that holy ordinance to *twenty-six* children and *three* adults of their number.

The following Sunday (12th) I officiated in like manner at the residence of Mrs. Freeland, in Madison county, preaching in her parlor to her family and servants, and admitting five colored children into the household of God, by the holy rite of Baptism. It was truly gratifying to me, as I looked around upon them, to know that, with a few exceptions, among the older ones, they had all been received into the Church of Christ, and that a large proportion had renewed their vows in Confirmation, and were distinguished by a becoming walk and conversation. Their kind mistress stood as sponsor for the little ones who were baptized, and expressed an earnest desire to procure, as soon as possible, the services of a Missionary.

Sunday, 19th, was given to the little flock at O-syka. I preached both forenoon and afternoon: on the former occasion giving baptism to one infant, and on the latter confirming one person, and baptizing one colored child.

Saturday 26th, was spent in visiting the several families of St. Matthew's Church, Clinton. The next morning, at the adjacent residence of Mr. Wm. J. Hinton, I preached to his slaves, and confirmed two of their number. Here is another instance, I am thankful to state, of a becoming concern for the spiritual welfare of the dependent class. For several years their mistress has diligently instructed them in the Catechism, and caused their little ones to be brought, by baptism, into union with God through Christ. May He who is the God alike of the bond and the free, bless both the instructor and the instructed. At the close of these services I preached in Clinton, and preached at 11 o'clock, being assisted in both the Prayers and the Holy Communion by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Elwell.

Thursday, February 13th, I preached in Brandon in the forenoon and in the evening. On the former occasion one person was confirmed.

The next day, 14th, during evening Prayer, I confirmed one person in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

Sunday, 16th, had been set apart for the Chapel of the Cross; but I was prevented from leaving home by the unusual inclemency of the weather. To my family and household the Parlor was no bad substitute for the Church, inasmuch as the prayers and praises and Holy Lessons of our beautiful service are no less adapted to the one than to the other. And here I can not refrain from directing attention to the great privilege, (may I not say, the superior advantage) enjoyed by the families of our Communion in thus possessing a form of worship which may at any time make amends to them for their inability to attend the services of the Church. With such an all-sufficient help at hand, what Christian householder may not, at any time, erect an altar under his own roof, and lay upon it the richest offerings of prayer and praise? How often is a family, compelled by the inclemency of the weather, by the badness of the roads, by the distance from a place of worship, or by sickness of a child or servant to forego the privilege of attending the public worship of the Church. And what an opportunity is thus afforded to the head of that family of converting his house into a very "Bethel;" and of bringing upon himself, his children and his servants, the blessings so freely granted to faithful Abraham. When, in every family of the Church, there shall be found a readiness thus to gather around an altar of their own, when that of the Church is providentially closed against them, then may we look for that "fulness of blessing" for which we now supplicate in vain.

Sunday, 23d, was given to St. Alban's, Warren county, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Gibson. I preached and confirmed one person.

At 7, P. M., I preached in St. Andrew's Church, and confirmed two persons.

Saturday and Sunday, 1st and 2d March, were spent in Raymond. On Sunday I preached to a large and attentive congregation, and baptized one infant. The next day I baptized another infant and visited all the Church families in the place.

Sunday, March 3, admitted Norman L. Perry as a candidate for Holy Orders.

March 5th, (Ash Wednesday), Preached at "Diamond Place," administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed five of the servants of Mr. Laughlin.

March 7, Preached at Grand Gulf, assisted by Rev. Dr. Dana.

Saturday, March 8th. Preached at the Church of the Epiphany, and confirmed one person.

Sunday, 9th. Officiated both forenoon and evening in Port Gibson, and confirmed twelve persons. I am truly thankful in being able to report the prosperous condition of this long-depressed and almost helpless Parish. It has been steadily increasing ever since the Rev. Dr. Dana, took it in charge, and gives promise of still further growth.

On Monday 10th, I returned to Grand Gulf, baptized three children, and preached in the evening.

Reached Woodville on Thursday the 13th, and was to have officiated the next day, but was prevented by an extraordinary fall of rain which continued throughout the whole day. Preached on Saturday, 15th, and confirmed nine persons. Being hindered by the impassible condition of the water courses from reaching Natchez on Sunday, 16th. I gave that day to Woodville, preaching at 11 A. M., and confirming three more of the congregation.

Monday 17th, I baptized, at the residence of Mrs. Bailey, two white and two colored children, and preached to the servants of the place.

The next day I preached to the family and household of Mrs. Griffith, and confirmed one of her servants.

Thursday, March 20th, officiated in Washington, baptizing one adult, and one infant, and confirming one person.

Saturday 22d, preached at Church Hill, and confirmed two persons, the worthy Rector being absent on a mission of mercy to our sick and wounded soldiers.

Sunday, 23d, I preached in Natchez, in the forenoon and evening, and baptized one adult. The Rector preached in the afternoon, at which time forty-eight persons renewed, in confirmation, their baptismal vows. I was gratified at seeing one colored person among the other candidates for that holy rite. A great and good work might here be done among that dependant class, if suitable encouragement, were extended to them, and becoming provision made for their reception into the Church and instruction in her Gospel Creed, her orderly discipline, and her sober but elevating worship. It is a common, but very mistaken notion, brethren, that the teachings and worship of our Church are unsuited to our slave population. Experience, however, is daily demonstrating the peculiar adaptedness of our mode of religious instruction to the mind and the heart of the negro; and showing that a full return may be expected for every hour of patient labor spent

in instilling into them the sound and sober truths of our Catechism, and in familiarising them with the prayers and praises of our daily worship. Much more would I now say on this interesting, and (to us) all-important subject, but I will reserve it for another occasion. This, only, will I add at the present time, viz: That an enlightened policy as well as Christian obligation demands a certain degree of enlightenment, and of religious opportunity for our slaves. If we simply provide for their bodily wants, it is no more than we do for the horse or the ox that stands in our stalls. You may rest assured that if there be any "curse" attendant on slavery as it exists amongst us, it is in the neglect of masters and mistresses, and the Ministers of Christ, to provide for the spiritual welfare of those whose souls, as well as bodies, are committed to their care.

I returned home on Tuesday, the 25th, and set out on my Northern visitation the following Thursday.

Friday, 28th, I preached in the town of Panola. At this place, as in most others, on this visitation, I found all things pertaining to the public worship of God compelled to yield, in a great measure, to the sterner calls of a less spiritual warfare.

Sunday the 30th. was given to Hernando. I preached twice and confirmed three persons. I also, in private, gave valid baptism to two worthy members of our Communion, who had previously received that holy rite from unauthorized hands.

My next appointment was for "Early Grove," where I officiated both the 2d and 3d of April, and confirmed two persons.

The next day I preached at St. Andrew's Church, assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Pickett.

Sunday, 4th April, was given to Holly Springs, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Pickett. I preached twice, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed six persons. The next morning rode into the country, and confirmed one other candidate for that holy rite, who was prevented by illness, from attendance at the Church.

Accompanied by Mr. Pickett, I spent Tuesday and Wednesday, the 8th and 9th in the Parish of St. Peter's Church, Oxford. At my request Mr. Pickett preached on both days. The Holy Communion was administered, and one person confirmed.

Thursday, 10th, was spent in the neighborhood of Grenada, where I baptized four children.

At the house of Mrs. Phillips, near Middleton, I preached on Friday the 11th, baptized one adult, and six children, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

Next day was intended for Carrollton, but finding that no notice had been given of my coming, I rode that afternoon, twenty-eight miles, to the Parish of Calvary Church, Holmes county, where I preached the next day, Sunday, 13th, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed one person.

Monday, 14th, preached in Lexington, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Halsted.

At Canton, I preached on the 15th, to a small congregation, and baptised one infant.

Thursday, the 19th, was spent at the "Chapel of the Cross."

On the morning of Good Friday I reached home; but was prevented by unusual fatigue, from attending the services of that solemn season.

Saturday, 12th, (Easter Eve.), preached at St. Alban, at 11 A.M. In the afternoon, at the Chapel on Mr. T. Vaughn Noland's plantation, I addressed a congregation of several hundred blacks, and confirmed fifty-four of their number. The Rev. Mr. Gibson assisted me in both services. Since the restoration of his health, he has diligently devoted himself to the instruction of the numerous slaves within his charge.

The following morning, (Easter Day), I rode twelve miles through a continuous rain to reach my appointment in Vicksburg. Seventeen persons were confirmed, and the Holy Communion was administered.

Thus closes the record of my past year's labors; from which it will appear that the rite of Confirmation has been administered to two hundred and fifty persons, nearly one-third of whom were slaves. One hundred and sixteen have received baptism at my hands, viz: Ten white adults, and thirty-nine infants; four colored adults and sixty-three infants.

Four persons have been admitted to the order of Deacons, viz: Wm. H. Phillips, Henry C. Harris, Edmund B. Laughlin and Henry G. Perry.

Two persons have been received as candidates for Orders, viz: John Joseph Hay and Norman L. Perry, making the present number four.

Two Parishes, viz: "All Hallows," Washington county, and "Christ Church," Summit, will ask admission into union with the Convention.

I have united three couples in marriage, one white, and two colored.

Every organized Parish, except one, has been visited; and several of them more than once. A few smaller places I have purposely omitted, knowing that the

general excitement attendant on a state of war would, in a great measure, render fruitless any attempt to win attention to the gentler calls of the Gospel.

The following changes have taken place in the condition of our Clergy:

The Rev. John Charles Adams, M. D., has resigned the charge of Grace Church, Carrollton, and entered the ranks of the army, with the prospect of becoming Chaplain of the Regiment to which he belongs.

Rev. F. A. P. Barnard, LL. D., since the suspension of the exercises of our University, has gone to New York.

Rev. F. W. Boyd has gone abroad with the view of obtaining medical aid for a member of his family.

Rev. Edward Fontaine still retains the charge of St. Marks, Raymond, and the Church of the Redemption, but has, for the last ten months, been connected with the army in several important and useful offices.

Rev. James D. Gibson has resigned St. Paul's, Columbus, and become the Rector of St. Alban's, Warren county.

Rev. Wm. B. Lacey, D. D., has been driven, by the condition of the country, to suspend the exercises of "Rose Gates Cottage," in Okolona, of which he was President.

Rev. Benjamin M. Miller is, for the present, engaged in the praiseworthy occupation of succouring our wounded soldiers. Attended by a faithful, self-denying band of Sisters-in-Christ, he is ministering to both the bodily and spiritual needs of those brave men who lately suffered for us on the field of Shiloh.

Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne, being driven, by the enemy, from his Parish in Shieldsborough, has removed to Terry, and taken charge of that little flock, and of a school.

Rev. Willard Presbury, has ceased to be connected with St. Andrew's Church, Marshall county.

Rev. Henry Sansom has, with my consent, but much to my regret, removed from this Diocese, and taken the Rectorship of Christ Church, Mobile, Ala.

Rev. Thos. S. Savage, M. D., has left Pass Christian, and is in charge of the Chapel of the Cross, Madison county.

Rev. Wm. Parker Scott is in temporary charge of Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

Rev. George W. Sill was compelled by ill health, to leave his Parish soon after our last Convention; and has since been unable to return to it on account of the presence of the enemy.

Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., for some time occupied the vacant pulpit of Grace Church, Canton, but is now engaged in a school at Summit.

Rev. George Stewart left the Diocese in August last for the benefit of his health. It is now seven months since I have heard from him.

Rev. M. Leander Weller, I have already stated, fell on the field of "Shiloh," in the battle of the 6th instant, a faithful soldier to God and his country.

The Rev. Thos. Applegate, after serving most acceptably, the Church in Aberdeen, felt compelled, by various causes to resign his charge, and remove from the Diocese in November last.

Rev. John Beckwith has been received into this Diocese from Maryland, and in October, commenced ministering in Greenville, and on Deer Creek.

The Rev. John Coleman, D. D., accepted the temporary charge of St. Paul's, Columbus, in July last, and has since become its Rector.

The Rev. J. T. Pickett has, for some months, been in charge of Christ Church, Holly Springs.

The Rev. Amos C. Treadway, of New York, ministered temporarily to St. John's Parish, Lake Washington, during the months of January, February, March and April, but returned home at the commencement of our troubles. That Parish has since been served by the Rev. Wm. H. Phillips, Deacon, who commenced his duties in October. The other three Deacons ordained since our last Convention, are employed as follows:

Rev. Mr. Harris is stationed in DeKalb, having in charge the "Church of the Messiah," and most of the smaller stations formerly supplied by Rev. Mr. Stewart. Rev. Mr. Laughlin is ministering to the slaves at Diamond Place; and Rev. Mr. Perry has become the Assistant of his father in the duties of that large Parish.

It thus appears that of the thirty-two Clerg men who were at this time last year laboring amongst us, there have been taken from us by various causes, whilst seven have been added to our list, making our present number thirty-five.

Under the strong pressure of the times, both "St. Thomas' Hall," and "Rose Gates Cottage," have been compelled to suspend their exercises, and to give up their buildings as Hospitals for sick and wounded soldiers.

"Wilson Hall" is still in operation, but is, I fear about to relinquish its character and claims as a Church Institution.

Trinity School, Pass Christian, which has heretofore done so much for the cause

of education and the Church, has been forced, by the presence of the enemy, to close its doors.

In December last I received a communication from the Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, requesting my consent to the proposed consecration of the Assistant Bishop elect of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. To this I returned no answer; not from any reluctance to testify to the worthiness of the Rev. Dr. Stevens, but because I considered our Confederate Church as *virtually* separated from that of the United States. I am the more particular in thus recording my reason for declining to acknowledge that communication, lest I may appear to be wanting in either a venerated regard for its venerable and most estimable author, or in a due appreciation of the fitness of the Bishop elect for his high office.

To the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. Wilmer as Bishop of Alabama, I gave my hearty consent, accompanied, however, with the proviso, which in all such cases has restricted my action, viz: That the candidate shall have received other than Lay-baptism. Ever since my entrance upon the Episcopate, I have resolved that I will never be instrumental in the Ordination or Consecration of any one who has been baptized by unauthorized hands.

Permit me, brethren, before I conclude, to draw your attention once more to the subject of our Diocesan Missions. It would be difficult as well as painful for me to tell you how much I have suffered on account of our Missionaries during the past year. Never did I so wish for worldly riches, as when, time after time, on receiving from the faithful laborers, assurances that their families were in want, I was compelled to reply, "Our treasure is empty."

I am fully aware of the pecuniary difficulty under which our people are at present laboring; but I know also that few of them have as yet come up to that full measure of self-denial and liberality in giving, demanded by the present exigency of the Church. With the becoming pride of the patriot, I have seen both the men and women of our Communion not only hurrying forth their sons and brothers and husbands to the field, but even stripping their houses of many of their comforts, to render the soldier's bed less hard, or to live more relish to homeless fare.

But let us not forget, dear brethren, that victory cometh only of the Lord; and that if we would ensure his help, we must see that his Ordinances are duly observed, and the sacrifice of praise and thank-giving is not wanting upon his altar. If there ever is a time when a Minister of God is especially needed by a people, it is at such an hour as this, when the hearts of many require to be cheered and encouraged; when the bitter and revengeful feelings of others need to be restrained; when the country calls for united, as well as individual prayer; when the sick and wounded are appealing for help on every side; and when hourly rumors are keeping the minds of the people in a state of painful excitement, unfavorable to the calls of religious duty. The "Vestal Fire" of old burned as bright amid war's alarms as in times of peace. Let not the flame of our devotion then be less ardent, or our offering, upon the Church altar less costly, because, for our sins, the noise of war is heard in our land. Let us rather make the condition of our country an incentive to a stricter observance of God's laws, a more hearty support of his worship, and an increased earnestness in praying for his blessing.

That He may indeed bless both our country and our Church, and be especially with us in our present Council, is the earnest prayer of,

Your loving Bishop,

W. MERCER GREEN.

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Council of the Diocese was held in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, April 23d, 1863:

PRESENT OF THE CLERGY:

THE RT. REV. WM. MERCER GREEN, D. D.; REV. WM. F. ADAMS, REV. B. M. MILLER, REV. W. C. CRANE, REV. H. G. PERRY, REV. C. B. DANA, D. D., REV. RODENSTEIN, REV. F. ELWELL, REV. JOSEPH SPENCER, D. D., REV. JAS. D. GIBSON; R. V. THOS S. SAVAGE, M. D., REV. H. C. HARRIS, REV. E. FONTAINE, REV. GEO. C. HARRIS.

The following Lay Delegates were in attendance:

D. P. Porter, St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; T. V. Noland, St. Alban's, Bovina; T. C. Tupper, Grace, Canton; Jno. Brownrigg, St. Paul's, Columbus; Wm. Wright, St. Paul's, Woodville.

The Rev. W. C. Crane was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, and John Duncan was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting of the Council be held in the town of Columbus on the fourth Thursday in April, 1864.

The committee on the State of the Church made their Report as follows :

Your committee regret that it falls to their lot to exhibit the condition of the Church under circumstances the most painful and unfavorable to her growth and prosperity, circumstances without a parallel in her history. These need not be enumerated nor described; they are too well known, and keenly felt, being traced in lines of fire and blood throughout our unhappy land.

While your committee urge a calm trust, and full submission to the afflicting hand of our Heavenly Father, they rejoice in being able to state, that He has not left His Church in her present trial without evidence of his love and favor. His truth and promises are committed to her keeping. Built on the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, she bears up manfully under the shock, knowing that she is safe. Amid the howling of the storm, beneath the clouds and darkness, faith reads on her towers and her bulwarks, the promise of her King, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

While there is much outwardly to discourage the weak, your committee finds much in the journal of their indefatigable Diocesan, and the few reports received, to strengthen and encourage.

The Bishop has been prevented by the war, visiting several Parishes, from which consequently, no returns can be had.

Of the forty-four Parishes in union with this Council, but twenty-two—one-half—have reported. The difficulty, therefore, of approximating even to the true state of the Church, is evident, still, your committee feel gratified in being able to declare from the facts before them, that a decided increase to former years, has been given. In 1862, thirty-two Parishes were represented, in which 622 baptisms had been performed, 199 confirmations, 1,555 communicants recorded, the contributions, \$11,708.

At the present Council but twenty-two Parishes are represented; these exhibit 484 baptisms, 219 confirmations, 1,443 communicants, an actual increase in confirmations of 20, and in communicants, 88, on those of last year. The contributions now reported amount to \$6,570, a decrease of \$5,138. Taking these facts as data, your committee feel justified in saying, had a number of Parishes equal to that of last year reported, it is their conviction that the increase of our Zion, in all particulars, would have been much beyond that of any previous period in her history. Your committee take great pleasure in further stating that it is the testimony of the Clergy, at large, that the fervor, zeal and love of the Church under the present trial, have been evolved to a remarkable degree, "as the outward man fails, so the inward is renewed day by day;" and this we should expect from our beloved Zion. It is God's test of a living, growing and spiritual Church.

S U M M A R Y .

Number of Families,.....	496	Funerals,.....	215
Baptisms,.....	484	Sunday School Teachers,.....	51
Confirmations,.....	219	" " Scholars,.....	286
Present number of Commu'nts,.....	1,443	Contributions,.....	\$6,570 78
Marriages,.....	56	THOS. S. SAVAGE, Ch'n.	

APRIL 25TH, 1863.

JOURNAL AND ADDRESS FOR 1863.

Amidst the continued alarms of war, and the general suffering of our people, it is allowed us once more, beloved, to exchange greetings with each other, to lay upon the Church's altar the account of another year's labors, and to consult how, for the time to come, we may most successfully fulfil the duties of our high and holy calling.

Hard must be the heart that does not deeply feel for the present condition of both Church and country. Whilst the one is being overrun and devastated by a ruthless foe, her sons slaughtered by every devilish device of an iniquitous warfare, her homes and firesides steeped in pollution, or else wrapped in flames, and

in many instances the last morsel snatched from the mouths of children and helpless dependants,—the other mourning over many of her temples destroyed, or else perverted to the basest uses, her ministers compelled by want, or force of arms, to leave their proper calling, and every good work suspended, if not utterly frustrated. In the midst of such trials, it is difficult to feel assured, as we ought, that there is, in it all, a kind and powerful hand working for the good of them that love Him. But if no sparrow falls unnoticed to the ground, shall he hesitate to trust the cause of our country and our Church to an ever-wakeful and all-heeding Providence? Let us rather fear that that Good and Gracious Being has not been sought unto as importunately as our necessities demanded, and let us beware lest our faith in His promises be over-clouded by our fears. Let us also take heed, beloved brethren, how we offer the unjustifiable acts of our enemy to betray us into a spirit of revenge, and of indiscriminate reprobation of a people so lately united to us in fraternal bonds, and among whom there are at this moment, no doubt, thousands who feel for us a sympathy which they dare not express. Let us, whilst lending every aid in our power to the brave defenders of our soil, and daily remembering our Country and its Rulers in our prayers, not forget that even these merciless invaders, these spoilers of our homes, these slayers of our brothers and sons may justly claim a place in our daily intercessions. How Christ-like is the language which our dear mother Church puts into our mouths,—“That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men; to forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turn their hearts.” When God shall be pleased thus to “turn” the hearts of our enemies, then will their faces also be turned to the land from which they have so madly come out against us. I am aware, dear brethren, that this lesson of forgiveness is a hard, and it may be, an unpalatable one in the view of the wasted fields, the burning dwellings, mourning households, the maimed bodies, the new-made graves, the husbandless and sonless matrons, and the suffering poor that meet us on every side. But these very evidences of an unsparring warfare call the more loudly for our prayers, as they bring us more nearly into the position of Him, who, with his dying breath, plead for his murderers, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do!” To that same God of Grace and Compassion, I now commend both you and my country, whilst I proceed to lay before you a statement of the official acts which I have been permitted to perform since we last met together. And may His presence be manifested in the unity of our counsels, and the wisdom of our doings.

April 2th, the Lord’s Day next following the Convention, I confirmed seven persons in St. Andrew’s Church, Jackson.

Lord’s Day, May 4th, I preached twice in St. Andrew’s Church, in the absence of the Rector.

Lord’s Day, May 11th, I preached at Summit, baptized one infant, and confirmed three persons. I was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Spencer, who has recently established a school in that place, and also taken charge of the congregation not long since organized.

Saturday Sunday and Monday, 17th, 18th and 19th were spent in the Parish of the Church of the Redemption, Hinds county. On Sunday I preached, and confirmed two persons. This was the first service held in the rude and temporary building which has been hastily erected by the congregation as a place of worship, until more peaceful times shall enable them to supplant it with one more worthy of Him whom they worship. I was assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Fontaine, who, since his disconnection with the army, divides his time between this little flock and that at Raymond. On Monday I confirmed, at the house of Mr. Fontaine, one of his sons, and two of his servants, and delivered two discourses to his family and household. I was pleased to see that the faithful instruction given to these servants by their master and mistress was thus beginning to put forth its fruits.

Thursday, 29th, Ascension Day, I preached at the Chapel of the Cross, being assisted in the prayers, and in the Holy Communion, by the Rev. Dr. Quintard of the Diocese of Tennessee.

Sunday, June 1st, I preached to several companies of soldiers, encamped near my residence. My discourse had relation to the perilous times on which we had fallen, the sins which had brought them upon us, and the duties to which we were severally called as citizens, soldiers and Christians. The serious attention given to my words excited the hope that they were not spoken in vain.

Sunday, 8th, was given to Grace Church, Canton. In the forenoon I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Savage, who preached in the afternoon. I also baptized one adult, and two infants before the close of the day. The two following days were spent in visiting several families in the neighborhood of the “Chapel of the Cross,” accompanied by Rev. Dr. Savage.

Sunday, 15th, Preached at Terry, assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Ozanne, who has lately taken that little flock in charge.

Thursday, 6th, I baptized, in private, a colored infant belonging to my own household.

Sunday, 22d, preached again to the military companies encamped on "Mercer Hill," in sight of my residence, and in the evening officiated in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

Wednesday, 25th, performed a funeral service in St. Alban's Parish, and baptized two children.

Sunday, 29th, confirmed one person, at evening service, in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.

Sunday, July 6th, was spent in Hillsborough, Scott county. I preached in the Court House to a pretty large congregation, and baptized one infant.

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 1-th, 13th and 14th, were spent in the Parish of the "Chapel of the Cross." In the services of the Lord's Day I was assisted by the Rev. George C. Harris, of Tenn., as well as by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Savage. Six colored persons were confirmed. A gratifying interest was given to the occasion by the presence of my Rt. Rev. Brother of Tennessee, and by hearing him once more proclaim the Gospel of Christ, after a painful and disabling illness of several months. In the afternoon I preached to a large congregation of colored persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 27th, I preached at "Cooper's Well," having heard that a number of the friends and members of the Church were there, and that they had enjoyed but few religious services during the season. The congregation was large and attentive. Two children were baptized by me in the forenoon, and two adults at night, one of whom, was apparently near her end.

Sunday, August 3d, was given to the "Church of the Saviour," Osyka. I preached in the forenoon, administered the Lord's Supper, and gave the blessing of "Laying-on-of Hands" to three young persons, all children of one family. In the afternoon I preached to the servants, and in the evening solemnized the rites of matrimony a few miles distant from the place.

Sunday, 10th, preached in Clinton, in the place of the Rector, who was kept away by the sickness of one of his family.

Sunday, 17, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; but had good reason to fear that the effect of the sermon was utterly driven from the minds of the congregation by the unseemly manner in which the organ was played at the close of the service; the harsh and martial style of the music being much better suited to a military parade than to the quiet solemnity of the House of God. I would not thus pointedly notice this breach of religious decorum, were it the first time that my sense of what is becoming God's worship has been wounded by it. Not on this occasion only, but at other times, and in other places, have I seen congregations just rising from their knees under the Priestly benediction, marching out of the Church to the notes of some warlike air, well calculated to inspire any other feeling than that of devotion. From such profanations of Thy Temple, Good Lord deliver us! (It is but justice to state that the organ on this occasion was not in the hands of the discreet and judicious Organist of the congregation.)

Sunday, 24th, in same Church I admitted to the Order of the Priests, the Rev. James Julius Vault, (Deacon) of the Diocese of Tennessee. This was done at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, who was unavoidably prevented from officiating in person. The Rector of the Church, and the Rev. B. S. Dunn, of La., were present, and assisting in the services.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 29th, 30th and 31st, were spent in the Parish of St. Alban's. On Saturday I preached in Noland's Chapel to a large and highly attentive congregation of blacks, baptized one of their number, and confirmed twenty. I was unassisted in the labors of the day, as the Rector was detained at home by sickness. The next day I preached in the Church, and confirmed one person, Rev. Messrs. Fox and Gibson, assisting in the services.

Friday, September 5th, performed the burial service for a child, in the absence of the Rector of St. Andrew's Church.

Sunday, 7th, preached in St. Andrew's Church.

Monday, 8th, officiated in Jackson, at the interment of a member of St. Mark's congregation, Raymond.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 12th—15th, were given to Calvary Parish, Holmes county. On Friday I preached in the town of Lexington, and the day following in Calvary Church; On Sunday I preached in the forenoon, and confirmed four persons, and in the afternoon addressed a large congregation of the slaves of the parish.

Wednesday, 18th, I again officiated at the burial of a member of St. Andrew's congregation.

Sunday, 21st, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, both in the forenoon and evening; and on the latter occasion confirmed one person, a young soldier going forth amid the hazardous strife of war.

Sunday, 28, I was to have spent at the Chapel of the Cross, but was, by sickness, prevented from leaving home. I was enabled, however, to give that evening, in St. Andrew's Church, to four candidates, the holy rite of confirmation.

Sunday, October 5th, I preached at Clinton in the forenoon, baptizing three adults, and confirming six persons. On this occasion I officiated in a School-room, kindly tendered for the purpose; our own place of worship, as well as others being filled with our sick soldiers. In the afternoon I preached to the servants of Mr. Wm. H. Hinton, and confirmed three of their number.

Tuesday, 7th, officiated at the funeral of a child; the Rector of St. Andrew's having been called from home on a similar errand.

Friday, 10th, I set out on my Eastern Visitation.

At Meridian I was joined by the Rev. Henry C. Harris, and proceeded with him to visit the several stations under his charge.

Sunday, 12th, preached at the "Church of the Messiah," and administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, 13th, rode twenty miles to DeKalb, preached in the afternoon, and baptized three adults and three children. The next day I preached again, administered the Holy Communion, baptized two children, and confirmed three persons. The family of Mr. Harris is located at this place, and I was pleased to see what a comfortable Rectory had been provided for their use by the liberality of one of the congregation. Of the ardent zeal and many good deeds of this beloved sister in Christ, I have had occasion, more than once to make mention, and nothing but the fear of offending prevents me from again naming her as one who, "according to her power, yea, and beyond her power," is ever ready to make her (comparative) poverty abound to the riches of her liberality.

In the afternoon I rode twenty-two miles to the residence of Mr. Simmons H. Giles, and preached next day in the neighborhood, to a small congregation in a Union Meeting House, just within the Alabama line. Mr. Harris officiates at this place once a month.

I passed down that evening to Lauderdale Springs, where I found a large hospital containing more than a thousand of our sick and wounded soldiers. Next day preached in the Church to a small but attentive congregation. Upon the invitation of the Surgeons of the Post, I preached again at night within the bounds of the hospital. A congregation of eager listeners, not only filled the room, but the galleries on both sides of the house; and as it was composed almost altogether of invalid soldiers, I endeavored to adapt my discourse to that train of thought most familiar to their minds.

Friday, 17th, reached Marion Depot, but found no appointment made for me, as every hour in the place was filled with wounded soldiers sent from the hospitals above. The day was spent with my venerable friend, Judge Chapman. At 11 o'clock I preached in his parlor to his family and servants, and a few friends of the Church from Meridian.

Saturday, 18th, I was to have officiated at Enterprise, but arrived too late, the train being detained by an unusual press of business. Next day, Sunday, 19th, I preached in the forenoon in a room just fitted up for theatrical purposes, every place of worship and every school room being occupied by our sick soldiers. Four young persons were confirmed, and the Holy Communion administered. In the afternoon preached again, baptized one adult and two children, and gave the rite of Confirmation to one person. In the services of the day, as on previous occasions, I was assisted by Rev. Mr. Harris who ministers to this people one Sunday in the month.

On Monday, 20th, I passed down the road to "State Line Station," in the hope of finding an opportunity to preach to the neighboring people of that place. No room, however, could be found for the purpose, the store room of the Station House, in which I had formerly officiated, not being in a condition to be used. The day was pleasantly and I hope not unprofitably spent in the family of that venerable and universally beloved man, Col. George S. Gaines.

On Thursday, 23d, I preached in the evening, in Columbus, and again on Friday evening; confirming on the latter occasion two young persons.

Saturday, 25th, accompanied by Rev. Mr. McClure, of the Diocese of Tennessee, I rode to Aberdeen, visiting five families on the way. Next day, Sunday, 26th, preached in the forenoon, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon Mr. McClure preached, and I baptized one adult and two children, and gave the rite of Confirmation to three persons. Monday was spent in visiting from house to house.

Tuesday, 28th, preached at Okolona. Preached next day in "St. Cyprian's Chapel" to the servants of Messrs. Tucker and Hubbard, and confirmed seven belonging to the latter. Three others were prepared to receive that rite, but were kept away by sickness.

Thursday, 30th, I preached in Okolona, and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon I baptized one adult in private. Next morning, in their own parlor, I gave authoritative baptism to two worthy members of our Communion who had received schismatical baptism in their infancy. At 11 o'clock I preached again and confirmed two persons. Rode that afternoon twenty-five miles to Pont toe, and preached next day at 11 o'clock. In returning from the Church I narrowly escaped death, the horse which I was driving becoming suddenly frightened and running with the buggy, whilst the breaking of the reins left me no power either to guide or restrain him. You will pardon me, I trust, beloved brethren, for thus recording this deliverance. A grateful heart compels me in this way to acknowledge God's providential care, and to raise this slight memorial of His undeserved goodness and loving kindness. Next day, Sunday, November 2d, I preached again to a congregation much larger than the times would have led me to expect, and baptized and confirmed one person.

On Monday, 3d, I returned to Okolona in time to preach again at 7 o'clock, P. M. At the close of the services I took the cars on my way to our General Council, in Augusta. In passing through Alabama I spent Sunday, the 9th, in Marengo county, preaching in "St. Michael's Church" in the forenoon, and also in "Faunsdale Chapel" in the afternoon to a full and attentive congregation of the servants of the place and neighborhood. Of this chapel, and of the purpose for which it was erected, allow me, dear brethren, to say a few words: Although belonging to another Diocese, and in no wise connected with our jurisdiction, it may nevertheless teach us a profitable lesson. Erected by a single individual, on her own grounds, and for the sole use of her slaves, it stands by the wayside a finished specimen of Ecclesiastical architecture, as well as a speaking monument of that true christian spirit which acknowledges its full measure of responsibility for every trust committed to its care, and which feels for the spiritual welfare of the negro in his cabin, or in the field, a solicitude little short of that entertained for the salvation of the children around the family board or at the fire-side. It was my privilege during the late vacancy in the Episcopate of that Diocese, to consecrate that beautiful Chapel to the service of Almighty God, and to offer in it the first sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving. And whilst thus setting it apart to the holy uses for which it was designed, and looking around upon the happy and thankful faces that beamed upon me on every side, I could not help lifting up, amid those solemn yet joyous services, the earnest prayer "Lord, put it into the heart of my people to go and do likewise!"

Owing to a want of connection between the Railroad and Stages, I did not reach Augusta until the second day of our Council. The next morning I was prostrated by a severe attack of pneumonia which confined me to my bed for more than two weeks. Although thus denied the pleasure of taking counsel with my brethren, it was no little comfort to me, as I lay upon my bed, to hear from day to day of the successful progress of their deliberations, and of the truly christian spirit which marked their proceedings from beginning to end.

Of the wisdom of their acts I leave each one of you to judge when the Code of Canon, which was their chief work, shall have been distributed among you.

On the 13th of December, after an absence of more than two months, I reached home in feeble health, but truly thankful to be once more in my family and among my people. The next day, Sunday, 14th, was spent at home owing to the unfavorable state of the weather. For the benefit of my family and servants I had such services as my partially restored strength would admit.

During the next five weeks I supplied, as well as my health would allow, the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, its worthy Pastor being confined to his room by sickness.

Saturday and Sunday, February 7th and 8th, were given to St. Alban's Parish. I had hoped to preach to the blacks, as usual, on Saturday, but was prevented by the unsettled condition of the country. On Sunday I preached and confirmed one person. In the evening I gave baptism in private to a couple that had previously received it from sectarian hands.

Sunday, 15th, preached at Osvka, and confirmed one person.

Sunday, the 22d, preached in Raymond in the forenoon, and in the evening at Cooper's Well. On the latter occasion I baptised two children. In the neighborhood of Raymond I also gave baptism to two children on Sunday forenoon, previous to the services in the Church.

Sunday, March 1st, preached in Brandon, both forenoon and afternoon, and administered the Holy Communion.

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, the 7th, 8th, and 9th, were given to St. Philip's Parish, Kirkwood. On Sunday I preached twice, confirmed two whites and one colored person, and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, 12th, united a couple in the bonds of matrimony in the city of Jackson.

Sunday, 15th, was spent in Yazoo City. At 11 o'clock I preached and confirmed five persons. In the afternoon I preached again, and the next day officiated at the burial of a child, the Rector being absent.

Thursday, March 19th, I set out on my Southern visitation. Next morning baptized a child near the town of Gallatin.

Saturday 21st, preached at Epiphany Church, baptized one adult, and confirmed two persons.

Sunday, 24th, preached at Port Gibson to a very large congregation, and confirmed seven persons. One other, being confined by sickness, partook of the benefits of that Apostolic Ordinance in the afternoon. It was with a feeling of heartfelt thankfulness that on this, as well as on my last visit, I witnessed the evidences of growth in this Parish. The long-deferred hope with which I have clung to that little flock for the last twelve years has begun to be realized. A few years more, under the ministry of their present Rector, will place it among the most prosperous Parishes in the Diocese. On Wednesday, 25th, I preached again in the afternoon.

Thursday, 26th, reached Christ's Church Parish. Next morning baptized a child in private before the hour of service. On this day I was pleased to join with the congregation in paying due observance to the appointed National Fast. And here I cannot refrain from expressing my thankfulness to Almighty God, the Ruler of Nations, for having raised up for us, in the hour of our need, a Chief Magistrate as manly in piety as he is sage in Council, and valorous in arms. Among the many omens which have cheered our people in their present unequal struggle, none has so affected the heart of your Bishop as the intelligence that our worthy President had openly professed his faith in Christ, and laid himself with all his honors at His feet.

Saturday, 28th, I preached again, and baptized two adults. Before the hour of service I administered the same Ordinance to two children in private.

Sunday, 29th, I preached, confirmed nine persons, and administered the Holy Communion. After visiting most of the families in the Parish I passed on to Washington, where I preached on both Tuesday and Wednesday, on the former occasion confirming two persons.

Thursday, April 2d, returned to Christ Church Parish, and same evening united a couple in matrimony.

April 3d, (Good Friday,) reached Natchez in time for Divine service. The sermon was preached, at my request, by the Rector of the Parish. Next day I preached, assisted in the services by the Rector and his Assistant.

Sunday, 5th, (Easter,) preached, confirmed twenty-seven persons, and, aided by the Rector, administered the Holy Communion to an unusually large number. After a brief appeal to the congregation in behalf of our Diocesan Missionary Society, a liberal contribution was made to the cause. Before the hour of service I visited the Parish Sunday School, and made a brief address to the children and teachers. On Monday, 6th, I baptized two children in private, administered the Holy Communion to a worthy and venerable "Mother in Israel," and visited a number of families in the city and its vicinity. Tuesday, continued my visits, and afterwards rode to "Laurel Hill," stopping on my way to baptize an infant.

Wednesday, 8th, preached in St. Mary's Chapel, and baptized one child. In the afternoon I administered the same blessed Ordinance to seventeen colored children, the property of Dr. Wm. Newton Mercer.

Friday, 10th, on my way to my next appointment I stopped in Wilkinson county, on the road-side, to administer baptism to two children who were lying very ill, and have since died. On reaching Woodville I was pleased to meet the Rev. Messrs. Lewis, Smedes, and Garfield, of the Diocese of Louisiana, and to be assisted by them in the services of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the 10th, 11th, and 12th. I preached on Saturday afternoon, and also on Sunday forenoon, when fifteen persons were confirmed. During the evening service two more renewed in like manner their baptismal obligations, one of whom had just received baptism from my hands at the request of the Rector. The signs of growth in this Parish are cheering pledges of the faithfulness of its Pastor, Rev. W. F. Adams, and of the love and esteem which his people entertain for him.

The following Friday, 17th, I reached Vicksburg. The next day was spent in visiting such families of the Parish as had not been driven from their homes by the enemy. On Sunday I preached and confirmed four persons. I regretted that the indisposition of the Rector prevented him from taking any part in the services. The progress of this Parish has been much impeded by the state of siege and of

constant alarm in which the town has been kept during a large portion of the past year. Although the Church has been open for the greater part of the time, and the attendance larger than usual, it has consisted chiefly of the officers and soldiers engaged in defence of the place. It is but reasonable to expect that a Church thus situated should share in the general stagnation or state of suspension imposed by this war on business of every kind. No place nor employment afforded security from the missiles of the enemy. Their bomb-shells greeted my entrance into the town, and continued during the three days of my visitation. During my stay I baptized, Saturday, 18th, an infant for one of the officers of our army.

I was compelled to leave Vicksburg on Sunday afternoon in order to reach my appointment for the next day at the "Chapel of the Cross," where I preached, Monday, 20th, and confirmed two persons.

The following day, Tuesday, the 21st, I preached in Canton, and confirmed two persons.

This closes the account of my past year's labors. If it falls short of the record of former years, I trust that the deficiency may be imputed in some measure to the unsettled and belligerent state of the country, and more especially to the fact that I have been kept by the presence of the enemy from visiting twelve of our organized Parishes, as well as several smaller ones, which have for some time been included in my annual round.

One hundred and seventy-three persons have been confirmed, of whom thirty-nine were slaves.

I have baptized twenty white adults and thirty-two infants, one colored adult and eighteen colored infant—seventy-one in all.

I have ordained one Priest belonging to another Diocese. Four couples have been united by me in marriage; and on six occasions I have officiated in burying the dead.

But few changes have taken place in the position of our Clergy.

The Rev. John Charles Adams, M. D., continues in the army, where he finds abundant opportunity for ministering both to the bodies and souls of our brave soldiers.

Rev. John Beckwith is diligently laboring on Deer Creek; but ever since his arrival has been cut off by the presence of the enemy from all intercourse with other parts of the Diocese.

Rev. Mr. Dams, in addition to his school in Newton county, is acting as Chaplain to several of the adjacent hospitals.

Rev. John Coleman, D. D., has resigned the charge of St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

Rev. M. Elwell has been appointed Chaplain to the Hospitals in Brandon and Clinton, in which latter place he continues to officiate.

Rev. George C. Harris, though not yet canonically transferred to this Diocese, has for some time been ministering at Canton.

Rev. Mr. Miller is still connected with the army.

Rev. Thomas D. Ozanne departed for England last summer, taking with him "Letters Dismissory" to the Bishop of Winchester. It was with untiring heartiness that I commended him to that Prelate for purity of life, gentleness and humility of disposition, faithfulness in preaching, and untiring labor in the duties of his calling.

Rev. Willard Presbury is now without charge, having resigned the Rectorship of St. John's, Early Grove.

Of the Rev. Mr. Still, I have heard nothing definite since our last Convention. I much fear that his disease is unabated.

The Rev. Edward McClure has presented "Letters Dismissory" from the Diocese of Tennessee; but is, as yet, without a charge.

Our present list of Clergy members is thirty-seven; but I am grieved to add, that not more than two-thirds of them are actively and efficiently engaged in Parochial labor.

Of our Church Schools I can say nothing better than that they are either in a state of suspension or in possession of the enemy.

Surrounded as we are by disease and death, and the many other evils that war brings with it, we have reason to be thankful, brethren, that our little band of Laborers for Christ is undiminished in number, and are contending faithfully and patiently against the evils of the day. But whilst our clerical ranks remain unbroken, each heart present will, I am sure, anticipate the name, when I say that one of our noblest Laymen has left a whole Diocese, as well as a large family, and a host of friends, to mourn his untimely departure from amongst us. In the death of William C. Smedes both Church and State have reason to mourn no common man. To an intellect of very superior order there was united in him an integrity that nothing could shake, an energy and moral daring that shrunk from no obstacle,

an industry that outran his strength, and a piety as active as it was consistent and unassuming. While George S. Yerger lived he ever found in William C. Smede a ready and active co-worker in every undertaking for the Church ben fit. In life they were closely united in every good work. Together they now reap their reward. The death of such men cannot be mourned without a feeling akin to self-hness, knowing as we do that it is better for them to "depart, and be with Christ." But it is hard to restrain the sigh and the tear when we see the manly form stricken down in its prime, the useful hand palsied in death, and the Church's noblest sons and most ready helpers taken from their field of labor ere their sun had well turned towards its setting. But if we have just cause to lament the departure of this beloved brother, how deep must be the sorrow of that house which mourns him as husband, father, and head. To each and all of that bereaved family let us tender our heartfelt sympathy, and our prayers that the "God of consolation" may make up to them in the abundance of His grace the loss of one so dear to their hearts.

I cannot close this address without a word to you in behalf of those laborers within our Diocese who are dependent for their support, either in whole or in part, on the Treasury of our Missionary Society. The allowance made to each, (and among them are fathers of families,) is, even in better times than the present, barely sufficient for their decent sustenance. I leave you to judge then, brethren of the Laity, how far such pittance will meet the wants of these faithful men, when the exigencies of a desolating and protracted war have raised every article, both of food and clothing, to a price more than fourfold their former value. Severely as the times press upon all classes, (except the extortionate speculator,) upon none do they so heavily bear as on those who are dependent altogether on their salaries, especially when those salaries are barely sufficient for times of peace and plenty. Think of this, dear brethren, and by your contributions for the coming year, put it in your Bishop's power, not only to meet his present engagements to our Missionaries, but to double the little that has heretofore been allowed them. And may God bless you in tenfold proportion to what you thus give to his ministering servants.

W. M. GREEN.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Council of the Diocese having failed to meet at Columbus, at the time appointed at its last Meeting in 1863, it Convened at Jackson, May 4th, 1865.

PRESENT OF THE CLERGY:

RT. REV. WM. MERCER GREEN, D. D., REV. W. C. CRANE, REV. T. S. SAVAGE, D. D., REV. E. FONTAINE, REV. W. K. DOUGLAS, REV. B. HALSTED, REV. W. H. PHILLIPS, REV. B. M. MILLER, REV. J. T. PICKETT.

The following Lay-delegates were in attendance:

J. C. Napier, St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Wm. Hemingway, St. Phillip's Kirkwood, D. P. Porter, St. Luke's, Brandon; T. E. B. Pegues, St. Peter's, Oxford; T. C. Tupper, A. Sneed, Grace, Canton.

Rev. W. C. Crane was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, and Col. John Duncan, Treasurer of the Diocese.

In addition to the ordinary Diocesan officers, the Rev. W. C. Crane and Messrs. T. E. B. Pegues and Richard Evans, were elected Trustees of the University of the South for the ensuing three years.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

It having pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove from their respective fields of earthly labor, the Rt. Rev. Fathers in God, James Harvey Otey, and Leonidas Polk, the late Bishops of Tennessee and Louisiana, this Council with humble submission to the Divine Will, desires to testify its gratitude for the eminent services they rendered to this Diocese. Each of them for a season exercised Episcopal Jurisdiction over it, and were the instruments in the hands of God in laying the foundations of his Church in Mississippi; they now "rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." They follow them in the permanent blessings they have left upon earth to the children of Christ.

The late Bishop of Tennessee, was, for many years the Provisional Bishop of the Diocese; and as the devoted Bishop of souls who gathered many of us into the Fold of Christ, he has peculiar claims upon our gratitude. As the Senior Bishop of the

Church in the Confederate States, and first Chancellor of the University of the South, and as the self-denying and laborious Apostle of Christ whose life was spent in preaching his gospel, and teaching men to obey it by a holy example, he will long live in the affectionate remembrance of our people.

The late Bishop of Louisiana was a great and good man, who, in all the relations of life, filled his station without reproach. As a refined christian gentleman, a humane master, a useful citizen, an energetic and Holy Bishop and the founder of the University of the South, he displayed his character to the world as one who loved his country, his Church and God, and who was guided in all his conduct by a sense of duty alone; therefore,

Resolved, That this Council desires to record this expression of its love and gratitude for these great benefactors of our Church and native land, and our heartfelt sympathy with the sorrows of their bereaved Dioceses and families.

EWD. FONTAINE, Ch'n.

WHEREAS, It has seemed good to the Great Head of the Church to call to his heavenly home, our venerable and venerated brother, Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D.,

Resolved, That in the circumstances connected with his death, being stricken down on the road-side while engaged in his Master's service, we have a lively instance of God's tender mercy towards His faithful soldier and servants in thus removing him from the toil of the Church militant to that rest which He has prepared for them that love Him.

"Blessed are they who die in the Lord."

J. D. PICKETT, Ch'n.

The next Council was appointed to be held at Columbus, on the 4th Thursday in April next.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report as follows:

The whole number of Parishes in connection with the Diocese, is 44. The whole number of Ministers canonically connected is 33. The number of Parishes reporting to this Council is 14. The number of Ministers canonically resident engaged in Parish duty is 12. Adding to these deficiencies, the result of conformity in several of the Reports received, to the form prescribed by the Council, the committee find it impossible to make any representation of the state of the Church approximating to accuracy. The chief cause of the difficulty is manifest to all, in the lamentable condition of the country. Several of the Clergy have been compelled to leave their Parishes—some from political reasons, others from the want of support for themselves and families—while all Parishes and Clergy have labored under difficulties unknown before. For these reasons, the committee feel compelled to omit the statistical statement usually appended to their report.

The committee, however, deem it a cause of thankfulness to God that any of the Clergy have been permitted to continue their ministrations, and, especially that their beloved Diocesan has been enabled to perform the degree of labor reported in his address. Though the cords of our Zion have not been lengthened, nor her stakes strengthened, during our present national struggle, yet she has been able to bear aloft, without wavering, under the Great Captain of salvation, the banner of His Cross, and proclaim aloud to a wicked world, that the Lord is King, and will yet reign over Nations as He now reigns over Saints.

The committee would here call the attention of the Clergy and others sending reports, to the form for reports prescribed by the Council, as published in its Journals. To secure accuracy of statistics, it is necessary that Reports be in strict conformity therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. SAVAGE, Ch'n.

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On Sunday, April 26th, 1862, immediately after the adjournment of our last Council, I confirmed, in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, fourteen persons.

Sunday, May 3d. I officiated at the interment of Dr. Samuel A. Cartwright, of the City of New Orleans, a man who had been long and widely known for his attainments in science, for his kind-hearted liberality, and his success in the practice of medicine.

In the evening I confirmed, in St. Andrew's Church, four persons.

Thursday, 14th. On this day the enemy took possession of Jackson. As my residence was immediately in front of the fortifications thrown up for the defence of

the city, and was likely to receive the missiles of friends as well as foes, I left it when the roar of musketry indicated that my peaceful home was in a few moments to be converted into a field of battle. My thresholds, it is true, were spared the stain of blood; but theft and ravage, and wanton destruction marked every room in the house, and every article on the premises. My own books and papers received much injury; but I am happy in being able to state that every record of the least importance to the Diocese had been carefully kept out of the way of these destroyers. May God forgive them for all the evil which they did during the two memorable days which they spent amongst us.

Sunday, 17th, attended service in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson. Preached in St. Andrew's in the evening of the 24th, and confirmed four persons.

Sunday, 31st, preached to the sick and wounded soldiers in a large room of the Hospital near my residence.

Sunday, June 7th, reached again to a large number of the convalescent patients assembled under the trees in the Hospital yard.

Sunday, 14th, once more had the privilege of speaking in Christ's name to the sick and wounded soldiers, in the forenoon. At night I preached in St. Andrew's Church, and confirmed one person.

Sunday, June 21st, preached in St. Andrew's Church, and confirmed one person, a soldier of our army.

Friday, July 4th, baptized in private, two children of a neighbor who was on the move to a place of greater safety.

Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th I was to have given to the Chapel of the Cross, but was kept at home by a return of my former disease, the vertigo. Another appointment was made for the following Sunday, but meanwhile I was compelled a second time to fly from my home before the approaching enemy, and seek a temporary refuge within the city. The next morning, amidst the roar of battle, and under a shower of shot and shell, I set out with my family, to seek a safe retreat at a distance from the then seat of war. In Demopolis, Ala., it was my good fortune to meet with a most cordial welcome under the roof of a dear friend and former pupil from North Carolina, Mrs. Gains Whitfield. From her and her equally kind husband, my family received every attention that a warm heart and a true hospital-ity knew how to bestow. May God's blessing rest on that house; a house which has daily poured out its varied stores of plenty on the hungry and way-worn soldier, as well as on the homeless refugee, ever since the war began. To two other families in that vicinity, there is also due my warmest acknowledgments for much kind and hospitable entertainment. Had I been in my own Diocese I could not have expected or received more, or more acceptable tokens of sympathy and good will.

During my stay in Alabama, I officiated frequently, and confirmed fourteen persons—ix of whom belonged to this Diocese, six to Alabama, and two to Texas. I likewise baptized four adults and two infants.

After several weeks sojourn among my friends in and near Demopolis, I returned to Mississippi, and under the roof of a very kind and liberal friend, in Oktibbeha county, found a pleasant home, until on the 1st of November, I settled down in Columbus.

September 12th to 19th, was spent in Aberdeen. I preached several times, baptized four children, and confirmed two persons.

Sunday, 20th, I preached to the servants of Joseph J. Mhoon, the kind friend above mentioned, whose hospitality my family was then enjoying.

September 25th to 29th, was given to St. Paul's Parish, Columbus, during which time I preached three times, baptized one adult and one infant, confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, October 4th, preached in the forenoon at DeKalb, after a ride of eleven miles, and confirmed six persons, one of whom was colored. In the afternoon, rode four miles, preached in an unfinished Factory, and baptized four children. Next day preached again in DeKalb, and baptized one infant.

Tuesday, October 6th, accompanied by Mr. Harris, I passed down to Lauderdale Springs and preached. In the afternoon I administered the Holy Communion to a most worthy sister-in-Christ, who not long after, entered into her rest.

October, 7th and 8th, were given to Enterprise. I preached both days, and confirmed two persons.

Friday, 9th, was devoted to Meridian. Mr. Harris preached in my stead, as I was prevented by an illness which had for some days been growing upon me.

Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th, was intended for the Church of the Messiah, but I was compelled, by increasing indisposition to return to my family, leaving that place as well as Macon unvisited for the present. I was much gratified in visiting these places along the Railroad to see that the zealous and faithful

labors of the Rev. Mr. Harris, though made under many circumstances of discouragement, promise in due time, to have reward.

Thursday, October 15th, I went to Jackson to gather together the remnant of my furniture saved from the rapacity of the enemy, and to transport it to Columbus. The Rev. Mr. Harris kindly accompanied me, with the view of rendering me such assistance as my still feeble health required. During my stay in that Parish I baptized one infant.

Sunday, October 18th, was spent at the Chapel of the Cross. At my request the Rev. Mr. Harris preached, as I was utterly unfitted for it by a distressing hoarseness. At the close of the services three colored persons were confirmed.

The next day, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Savage, I visited the house of one of his parishioners, who had been unavoidably kept from the Church the day previous. After she had received authoritative baptism at the hands of her Pastor I administered to her the rite of confirmation, and then baptized her infant child.

October, 23d, got back to my new home, and was confined to my room for the three following days, including Sunday the 24th.

Sunday, November 1st, preached for the Rector of St. Paul's, Columbus, and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 8th, preached twice in St. John's Church, Aberdeen.

Wednesday, 11th, preached at Pontiac, and baptized one infant in the afternoon.

Thursday, 12th, after a solitary ride of forty miles, reached Oxford, where I spent five days. Preached on Saturday, 14th, and baptized three adults and one infant. Next day (Sunday) 15th, preached twice, baptized four adults, confirmed four and administered the Holy Communion. On Monday I baptized three children belonging to a family living a few miles distant in the country.

November 18th, passed up to Holly Springs. Five days were spent in this Parish among the remnant of a late prosperous people. The footsteps of a barbarous foe might be traced in almost every dwelling, as well as in the resorts of business, and in the institutions of learning. Amidst these marks of a more than savage warfare it was hardly to be expected that the most sacred things or places would escape their violence. I was not, therefore, surprised to find that our place of worship had shared largely in the general ruin. Although much had been done before my arrival to cleanse it from the pollutions of the enemy, and to place it in a serviceable condition, it was still a place of small comfort to the little flock that clung to its altar, and hovered around their faithful Pastor. On Sunday 22d I preached, confirmed fourteen persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

From Holly Springs I passed over to La Grange, Tenn., to visit a beloved sister. And I would here acknowledge the courtesy, and even kindness of the Federal Commander in charge of that place. Not only was free ingress and egress tendered to me, but permission granted to visit any of our Parishes within the bounds of his command.

I had made a conditional appointment to be at early Grove on the following Sunday, 29th, but owing to the number and the lawless character of the enemy's troops in that immediate neighborhood, I reluctantly yielded to the advice of friends, and declined to meet it.

December 2d, reached home after a most trying journey of four weeks, during which I was more than usually subjected to bad roads, deep waters and inclement weather, in addition to the greatest difficulty in obtaining any sort of conveyance from place to place.

Sunday, 6th, preached for the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

Sunday, 13th, was spent in Aberdeen. A heavy fall of rain prevented services in the forenoon. I preached in the afternoon to a congregation unusually large for such unsuitable weather.

Sunday, 20th, preached in Macon, in a private house, kindly tendered for the occasion, to a small band of Church friends, composed in good part of Refugees from various quarters. In the afternoon I visited several families friendly to the Church, and baptized one infant in private.

Christmas day, I preached in Columbus, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed five persons; among whom I am thankful to say, was my youngest son.

Friday, January 1st, 1864, I set out for Aberdeen, but owing to the intense severity of the weather, the badness of the roads, and the consequent failure of the passenger trains, I failed to get there, after being three days on the road. Sunday, 3d, which was intended for Aberdeen, was spent at a depot on the road-side without any opportunity of improving the day for the benefit of others.

Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th, were given to the Church of the Messiah, Noxubee county. Owing to the continued inclemency of the weather, the small congregation that attended could not be assembled in the Church. I preached in the parlor of Mrs. Stanton, and administered the Holy Communion; being assisted

in the services by the Rev. Mr. Harris, who ministers once a month to that little flock.

The following Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th, were spent in Aberdeen. I preached on Sunday forenoon, but was too unwell to officiate in the afternoon, although several young persons were desirous of being baptized and confirmed. It was not until the following Thursday that I was well enough to return to my family.

Sunday, 24th, compelled to keep to my room all day on account of continued indisposition.

Sunday, 31st, preached in St. Paul's Church, Columbus, baptized one infant, and confirmed two persons.

Having been favored by the commander of the enemy's forces, then in possession of Vicksburg, with permission to visit any of the Parishes within the Federal lines, I set out on Saturday the 6th of February, to make my annual visitation of the counties lying on the river. On reaching Meridian I learned that the enemy, in full force were rapidly advancing on that place. I deemed it prudent, therefore, to return home, and wait a more auspicious moment for resuming my visitation. While in Meridian I preached on Sunday, 7th, to a large and attentive congregation, composed chiefly of officers and soldiers, and in the afternoon baptized the infant son of an officer from Tennessee.

On returning home I was grieved to learn that during my absence, circumstances of a painful nature had compelled the Rev. Dr. Coleman to resign the charge of the Church in Columbus. At the earnest request of the Vestry, I consented to render them, until they could procure another Pastor, such services as would not interfere with my duties to the Diocese at large; and accordingly commenced my temporary charge of the congregation on Ash Wednesday, February 10th.

Easter Sunday, March 27th, in addition to the other services of that Festival Day I administered the rite of confirmation to one person, and that person was one of my own soldier boys, thus making glad my heart by the knowledge that all my children were now professed followers of Christ. With renewed confidence I afterwards committed him to the guardianship of a covenant God, on his return to a field that was then threatening, as it has since proved itself to be, a fruitful field of blood.

Monday, 28th, a few miles from Columbus I baptized and confirmed a sick person, and also administered the rite of baptism to two of his children.

Sunday, April 3d, preached in Aberdeen twice, baptized one adult, and confirmed one person.

April 6th, in private I confirmed, in Columbus, a young woman just seventeen years of age, who was in the last stage of consumption.

Thursday, 14th, in my own parlor I baptized and confirmed a soldier in the cavalry service, who had for some time earnestly desired thus to dedicate himself to God, and thankfully availed himself, for that purpose, of the few moments allowed to him as he passed through the place. The next day, 15th, he returned, bringing with him one of his fellow soldiers, whom I, in like manner by baptism and confirmation, admitted to the fellowship of Christ and his Church.

April 28th, this was the day on which our Diocesan Council was to meet in Columbus. But in consideration of the broken condition of our principal railroads, the general want of private conveyances, the absence from the Diocese of many of the Clergy as well as Laity, and the occupation of a large portion of the State by the forces of the enemy, I took upon me the responsibility of postponing the time of our meeting to some future day when we might assemble with less to hinder and to make us afraid.

May 1st, 1864, preached in Aberdeen in the forenoon, and in the afternoon baptized, in private, two adults, and three children. The two adults were at the same time confirmed.

On the following Thursday I returned to Aberdeen to perform the funeral services of a most worthy lady, a member of our Communion.

Wednesday, 18th, I set out to go through with my spring visitation, so abruptly hindered by the enemy in February.

Sunday, 22d, preached in Jackson in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, which has been kindly allowed for the use of the congregation since their Church was destroyed by the enemy.

Thursday, 26th, baptized at Madison Depot one white and two colored children. Friday, 27th, officiated at the Chapel of the Cross, and confirmed four colored persons.

Sunday, 29th, preached in Grace Church, Canton, confirmed six persons, administered the Holy Communion, and admitted the Rev. George H. Hunt (Deacon) to the order of the Priesthood. I was assisted in the services by the Rev. Dr. Savage, and the Rev. George C. Harris.

Wednesday, May 30th, I entered Vicksburg then in possession of the Federal authorities, and remained five days, during which time I visited all the Church families remaining in the place, and preached on Sunday, June 5th. Although I found most of the members of the congregation in a depressed condition, it was no little gratification to see that the Church building remained in charge of its trusty old Sexton, and was kept in its usual neat and orderly condition, whilst almost every other place of worship had been abused and polluted at the hands of the enemy. I feel bound to acknowledge here the courtesy with which I was treated during my stay, by the commanding General and his officers. The day before I left the city I baptized three children in private.

Sunday, 12th, I aimed to spend in Clinton, on my return, but was prevented by heavy rains and other causes, from reaching the place in time. It was a gratification to me, however, to spend that night with a dying friend, and to contribute in some measure to her spiritual edification and comfort.

It was my intention, after returning to Jackson, to visit the more Southern part of the Diocese; but on reaching that place I found a letter summoning me to attend in Augusta, Ga., on the 22d, a meeting of the committee for the Revision of the Prayer Book. I accordingly recalled the rest of my appointments, and returned to Columbus. After spending three days with my family, and officiating on the 1st, I set out for Georgia. The committee spent several days in considering the important work committed to them, and after dividing it out between them, adjourned to meet again in December, in the city of Savannah.

Sunday, 26th, preached in both St. Paul's, and Church of Holy Trinity, Augusta. During my stay in that place it was a mournful gratification to me to be allowed to take part in the funeral services of my late Rt. Rev. Brother, the Bishop of Louisiana. Long will the sad ob-sequies of that day dwell upon the memory of those who witnessed them; but longer still, and with growing admiration will be cherished the remembrance of that noble soldier of Christ, and of his country, whose mangled remains were then committed to the earth. Whether considered in his relations to his family, to society, to the Church or to his country, Bishop Polk was no ordinary man. Quick in his perceptions, prompt in action, energetic of will, with expanded views, with the highest sense of honor, with a penetrating knowledge of human character, with great power of controlling others, and with a heart as tender as it was brave, Bishop Polk possessed all the qualities that go to make up the man, the soldier and the Christian. In vain may we look around us to find one who can fill his place in its combined relations to society, to the Church, to the cause of education, and to the present demands of his country.

Sunday, July 3d, together with the two preceding days, was spent with our army near Marietta. I was on that day to have confirmed two of our leading generals, but owing to the army's having fallen back on the day preceding, it was necessarily postponed.

On my return through Demopolis I preached on Sunday, the 10th, baptized two adults, and afterward confirmed them.

On the five following Lord's days I officiated in the Parish of Columbus. Sunday, July 24th, baptized one infant. Wednesday, August 10th, baptized one adult. Tuesday, 16th, administered the same ordinance to another adult.

Sunday, 14th, was given to Aberdeen; preached twice, and baptized two children.

Wednesday, 17th, confirmed one person, at evening prayer, in St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

Sunday, 21st, confirmed two persons in same Church.

Sundays, 21st and 28th, officiated in Columbus. Wednesday 31st, baptized three adults, and one infant.

Saturday, September 3d, baptized one colored infant, in private.

The three following weeks were given to Columbus. Saturday, 10th, baptized one adult, and one infant. Sunday, 11th, confirmed seven, and baptized one adult and one infant.

Friday, 16th, was duly observed as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, to which I had invited the congregation, to join with me in view of the critical condition of our country.

Saturday, 17th, baptized one adult.

Sunday, 18th confirmed five persons in Columbus, and baptized one adult.

September, 22d, baptized one adult, and two colored children in Columbus.

September 23d, set out on my fall visitation.

Sunday, 25th, preached in Brandon both forenoon and afternoon, and confirmed six persons, one of whom I baptized before the commencement of the services. The next day baptized one infant in private.

Thursday, 29th, reached Summit just in time to fill my appointment, and was pleased to meet a congregation much larger than the falling rain gave me

reason to expect. Two candidates for confirmation presented themselves. In the afternoon I confirmed in private, a converted Jew who had been received into the christian faith several years before, but had never, until now, had an opportunity of renewing his baptismal vows. At night I baptized two colored infants, the property of Col. Wm. H. Garland. This little congregation was for a year or two under the charge of the late excellent Dr. Spencer; and although it has been without ministerial services for nearly two years, seems animated with a becoming zeal, and has for some time, by the aid of a worthy Lay-reader, kept up the usual services of the Lord's day. Among other signs of a proper life among them, I was struck with the loud and universal manner in which the responses were made.

Friday, 30th, I rode down to Osyka, with a fever upon me. The next day it rained continuously, so as to prevent my visiting any of the families of the Parish. Sunday, October 1st, I was taken with a severe chill, just as I was preparing to go to the Church, and was confined to my bed all the day. This was a double disappointment to me, as notice had been widely given that on that day the Church was to be consecrated, and Mr. Albert Lyon admitted to the Order of Deacons.

I was happy, however, in having the assistance of Rev. John E. C. Smedes of the Diocese of Louisiana, and Rev. Wm. F. Adams, of Woodville, by whom the usual service was conducted both forenoon and afternoon, and several adults, as well as infants baptized. A very large congregation was in attendance. The next day, Monday, 2d, I was well enough to preach as well as to perform the expected consecration and ordination. The neat little Church was dedicated to the service of God under the title of the Church of the Saviour; Mr. Lyon was duly admitted to the Deaconate, being presented by the Rev. Mr. Adams; eleven persons were confirmed, (eight white, and three colored), and the Holy Communion was administered. All the services of the day, in which I was assisted by Messrs. Adams and Smedes, appeared to excite a peculiar interest in the people, and to encourage the hearts of those more immediately connected with the Church. Mr. Lyon will officiate chiefly at this place, but will also give a portion of his attention to the congregation of Summit.

Wednesday, October 5th, before leaving Osyka, I baptized, in private, one white, and three colored persons, and administered to the same white person, and two other colored candidates, the holy rite of confirmation.

Reached Liberty on the afternoon of the 7th, and that evening received into the Church, by baptism, the worthy head of a family, together with his seven children. This family, like many others that I meet with in my visitations, is sincerely attached to our Church, but is too far distant from any place of worship to enjoy its services. Whilst I rejoice to minister to them as far as I can, in my annual rounds it grieves my heart to think of their spiritual destitution.

Reached Woodville on Saturday, 8th, a few hours after the departure of a large raiding party of the enemy. Visited several families in the afternoon; preached twice the next day, Sunday, 9th, and confirmed four persons, one of them in private. On Monday visited the remainder of the families that were in and near the place. Tuesday the 11th rode to Second Creek neighborhood, and spent the following day in calling upon several friends of the Church. At the house of Mrs. Rathey, on Thursday morning, I baptized one colored infant. On the same day I entered Natchez, then garrisoned by a considerable force of the enemy. It was with difficulty that I gained admittance, but I must acknowledge the kind treatment which I received from the commanding General, after getting in. During the five days which I spent in the city, every facility was allowed me for the prosecution of my work. Most of the families in the place, and neighborhood were visited as usual. It was truly painful to witness their oppressed and impoverished condition, and the system of espionage to which they were hourly subjected. But most of all was I grieved and mortified to see the scattered and dispirited state of that once flourishing congregation. Owing to several causes, but chiefly to a general dissatisfaction with the course of their Rector, and his Assistant, many of the pew-holders have ceased to attend the services of the Church, and are frequently at other places of worship. On Sunday, 16th, I preached in the forenoon, and in the afternoon addressed the children of the Sunday School. No candidates for confirmation presented themselves that day; but on Tuesday, 18th, I had the pleasure of confirming three young persons, and baptizing two white, and one colored child, a mile or two from the city. In the evening I baptized three other children in private, at the residence of one of the congregation.

Wednesday, 19th, I granted letters dismissory to Rev. Henry G. Perry to be presented to the Bishop of Wisconsin. Same day proceeded to Washington, and visited all the Church families in the place, but did not preach, as I had had no opportunity of giving notice beforehand, and was consequently not expected.

Friday, 21st, baptized in private, twelve colored children, the property of James S. Johnston, preached at 11 o'clock and confirmed three young persons. My stay

in this Parish was much shorter than usual, as I had unavoidably been retarded in my journey by sickness and the difficulty of obtaining conveyances. The Rector, Rev. Mr. Miller, is still with the army, feeling that he can do more good in ministering to our soldiers in the field than to the comparatively small number of which his flock is at present composed.

Saturday the 22d, reached what is called the "Wade Neighborhood," twelve miles South of Port Gibson. It is thickly settled with a number of intelligent and wealthy families, to whom the Rev. Dr. Dana has for some time been ministering once a month, with great acceptance. Sunday, 23d, I preached in a Presbyterian place of worship, and confirmed five persons. Next day visited nearly all the families that usually attend the services of Dr. Dana, and reached Port Gibson in the evening. Tuesday, went from house to house as much as a day of rain would admit. Wednesday, 26th, preached and confirmed six persons.

Thursday, 27th, passed Epiphany Parish, visiting several families on the way. Friday, 28th, preached, and confirmed one person.

Next day returned to Port Gibson, and visited the remainder of the families. Sunday, 30th, preached, and confirmed six. Of the expected number of candidates, more than one-half were prevented from attending, by the continuance of the rain. In the afternoon I baptized an infant, at the house of the Rector, the parent having been prevented by the weather from getting to the Church in time.

Thursday, November 3d, reached Jackson, after riding three days in the rain and cold. Letters which I found here from home, informed me that my family had been sick ever since I left them, and much needed my presence; I therefore, reluctantly recalled my appointments for the Northern Parishes, and resolved to return home, after spending a day or two in the Parish.

Sunday, November 6, I preached in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, and confirmed eight persons. At night I preached again, and administered that Apostolic rite to four.

Friday, 11th, I was called to attend the dying bed of a friend near Crawford Station, but found that he had departed some hours before my arrival. Next day I confirmed his wife by the side of his coffin.

Monday, 14th, baptized a colored infant, in private.

Wednesday, 16th, was the day appointed by our excellent Chief Magistrate as a Day of Prayer throughout our Confederacy. Being confined to my house by sickness, I was glad to engage for the occasion, the services of the Rev. Dr. Quintard, who was making a brief sojourn in Columbus.

Sundays, 13th, 20th and 27th were spent in Columbus.

On the 27th, being the first Sunday in Advent, I admitted the Rev. Henry Canova Harris, Deacon, to the Order of the Priesthood, being assisted in the services of the day, by the Rev. Dr. Lacey, and the Rev. R. F. Clute. The candidate was presented by Mr. Clute, and the sermon, at my request, preached by Dr. Lacey.

Sundays, 4th and 11th, spent in Columbus. On the 4th, I baptized one adult, and on the 11th baptized one adult, and confirmed two persons.

My next visit was to Abe deen. After spending two days in visiting from house to house, I preached on Sunday the 18th, baptized one adult, and two infants, and confirmed one person. The next day I baptized one child in private.

Sunday, Dec. 25th, preached in Columbus, and confirmed one person.

Sunday, January 1st, 1865, preached and confirmed one person.

Thursday, 12th, confirmed one person in St. Paul's Church, Columbus, and afterwards baptized two children in private.

Sunday, 15th, preached in Macon, and in the afternoon baptized eight children.

On Sunday, 22d, in St. Paul's Church, Columbus, I admitted John M. Schurar, of Tennessee, to the order of Priests, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Benjamin M. Miller, and Rev. C. F. Quintard, M. D. At my request Dr. Quintard preached the Ordination Sermon, and presented the candidate.

Sunday, February 5th, confirmed one person in St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

Friday, 17th, Baptized one infant at Madison Station.

Sunday, 19th, I preached in Grace Church, Canton, the funeral sermon of the late Major George Ward, a Vestryman of that Church, no less distinguished for his piety and usefulness as a Christian, than for his gallant conduct in the field. His memory will long and fondly be cherished by all who knew him.

Sunday, 21st, I baptized and confirmed one person in Madison county.

On turning homeward I was detained several days in Jackson by the broken condition of the roads, during which time I officiated for the Rector of St. Andrew's, both on Ash Wednesday, the 1st of March, and the following Sunday, on which latter occasion I confirmed four persons.

Thursday, 9th, I baptized one adult in St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

Friday, 10th, was duly observed as a Day of Fasting and Humiliation, in ac-

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cordance with the recommendation of our excellent Chief Magistrate. On which occasion I confirmed one person.

Wednesday, 15th, baptized one adult in St. Paul's, Columbus.

Saturday, 18th, baptized one child in same Church.

Tuesday, 19th, confirmed four persons in St. Paul's, Columbus.

Left home Tuesday, 22d March, for a visitation of the Middle and Northern Parishes.

Reached Yazoo City, Friday 24th; next day visited all the Church families in the place. In the evening baptized five adults, one of whom was confined to his bed by protracted illness.

Sunday, 26th, preached, administered the Holy Communion, baptized four children and confirmed eleven.

Our services were held in the Masonic Hall, as our Church building, on account of its unsafe condition, had been pulled down some time previous. It afforded me much gratification to find a good deal of Church spirit in this people, notwithstanding the depressing circumstances with which they have for sometime had to contend. I was compelled to leave Yazoo City on Sunday afternoon in order to ensure a timely arrival at the place of my next appointment. That evening I baptized one infant on my way to the railroad.

With much difficulty I reached Kirkwood on Tuesday the 22d, was prevented by a continuous rain from officiating the next day. Thursday the 30th, I preached and administered the rite of confirmation to fifteen persons. Owing to the unfavorableness of the weather, our services were held in the parlor of Gov. McWillie. Truly cheering was the sight of so large a number of candidates in so small a Parish. One-half of them were pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Downing, whose excellent school, I was pleased to learn, is in an unusually prosperous condition. That same afternoon I had to hasten on towards my next appointment.

After much labor and weariness, I reached Calvary Church, Holmes county, on Saturday, 1st of April, just in time for service. The congregation was not large, as it was generally feared that I could not get there on that day.

Sunday, 2d, I again preached, confirmed eight persons and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Halsted. In the afternoon I again preached, by request, at the house of a most worthy member of our Communion, whose bodily infirmities forbid him any longer attendance on the public services of the Church. The next day, after visiting several families of the Parish, I proceeded to the neighborhood of Middleton. Friday no appointment had been made for me to preach, on the following day; was glad to make it a day of rest, after administering to a young friend both baptism and confirmation. Before I left the worthy family with whom I was abiding, I promised to preach for them on my return from Carrollton on Friday.

Reached Carrollton on Wednesday the 5th but was prevented from officiating that evening by a heavy rain. Next day baptized in private, two adults and four children. In the afternoon, preached and confirmed two persons, and afterwards rode into the country, and baptized one adult and three children, and confirmed one person.

Friday, according to promise, I preached to a small congregation at the house of Mrs. Phillips, near Middleton, composed of her own household and a few of her neighbors. Proceeded immediately after service on my way to Grenada. I had made no appointment for this place, and therefore passed on the next morning, remaining only a night, and baptizing two children.

Saturday, 8th, reached Oxford, but too late for service. Next day, Sunday, 9th, it rained without ceasing. The Church was, nevertheless, opened for service. More persons were in attendance than could reasonably have been expected. I preached, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized one person.

Tuesday, 11th, reached Holly Springs after meeting with many hindrances by the way, and undergoing unusual fatigue. After a rest of three hours, I passed on to Early Grove, seventeen miles, over a road rendered almost impassable by the recent heavy rains. Next day notwithstanding the falling rain, I was met in the Church by a small congregation, and assisted by the Rev. Mr. Phillips, we had the usual services for the day.

Thursday, 13th, I preached to a congregation unexpectedly large considering the times, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed seven persons.

On my way to La Grange, that evening, I gave a thoritative baptism to three members of our Communion, who justly doubted the validity of that which they had previously received at Lay hands.

Friday, 14th, was spent in La Grange, Tennessee, but I was prevented by the rain from officiating, either by day or night. Next day, after much difficulty in procuring any means of conveyance, went a part of my way to Bolivar, where I had promised to officiate for the worthy young Rector, whose flock had been for

four years without Episcopal visitation. After a most trying drive of sixteen miles on Easter morning, over one of the worst of roads, I reached Bolivar in time for service, preached in the forenoon and administered the Lord's Supper. Held another service in the afternoon, and baptized two children, at the request of the Rector, and preached again in the evening, and confirmed fifteen persons.

The following day, returned to La Grange, preached at 7 o'clock, P. M., and confirmed three persons. Next morning, before leaving La Grange, I baptized in private, one infant.

Reached Holly Springs Wednesday morning, the 19th, but too much exhausted by fatigue to officiate as I had appointed.

Next day, preached, and confirmed fifteen persons.

The following day I was to have passed over to Hernando, but learned that it was impossible to cross, in any way, the two intervening rivers. I accordingly gave three more days to the congregation at Holly Springs, preaching on Sunday, and confirming one person.

Monday, 24th, reached Oxford, preached the following afternoon and confirmed four persons. The next two days were spent in the neighborhood of Grenada among one or two families of the Church.

Saturday, 29th, I baptized, in private, at Grenada, three persons, two of whom had been previously baptized by Lay hands.

Sunday, 30th, preached in Grenada to a very large congregation in the Methodist Church, and confirmed six persons. Rode seven miles in the afternoon, to baptize one child. Next day I gave authoritative baptism to a soldier in our army who was justly dissatisfied with that which he had received previously, and afterwards confirmed him. In the afternoon I also baptized a lady who was extremely ill.

Reached Canton next afternoon, and preached at night, baptizing one adult, confirming four persons.

Wednesday, May 3d, preached at the Chapel of the Cross and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon, returned to the Church, and administered the same to two others.

Thus ends the account of my labors for the last two years. Although, little has been done, yet in view of the condition to which a warring and cruel war reduced our people, we have much ground for thankfulness.

The number confirmed since we last met together, including the past two years is four hundred and fifty-five.

I have baptized, within the same time, 75 adults, 116 white infants, 4 colored adults, 40 colored children—in all, 234.

One Church has been consecrated, viz: The Church of the Saviour, Osyka.

The number of the Clergy canonically belonging to the Diocese, is thirty-two.

The list of candidates now contains the names of Joseph B. Lyons, Charles A. Cameron, Alexander Samuels, M. D., Marmon L. Perry and John Joseph Hay.

I have admitted Rev. Henry C. Harris, Rev. George H. Hunt and Rev. John M. Schurar to Priests' Orders, and received Mr. Albert Lyons to the Diaconate. Messrs. Hunt and Schurar were ordained for the Diocese of Tennessee, and Mr. Lyons for Louisiana. Rev. Henry G. Perry has been admitted to the Priesthood by the Bishop of Wisconsin.

The Rev. George H. Hunt and Rev. Albert Lyon, have been for some time laboring in this Diocese, but have not yet been transferred to its jurisdiction.

Rev. Joseph Spencer, D. D., departed this life a few days after we last met in Council, leaving behind him a memory truly to be envied for purity of life, gentleness of spirit, thorough and sound learning, and long and faithful devotion to the interest of the Church.

Rev. Andrew Matthews, who, several years ago removed into the Diocese of Tennessee, has died with the past year.

The following changes have taken place among the Clergy since we last met in Council: Rev. John Charles Adams, M. D., has been for some time with our army, first as a volunteer in the ranks, and since as an assistant Surgeon. Rev. John Beckwith has removed from Deer Creek to Demopolis. Rev. F. W. P. Barnard, LL. D. has removed to the Diocese of N. York. Rev. John Coleman, D. D., has again resigned his charge of St. Paul's Church, Columbus. Rev. Fred W. Damas has taken letters dismissory to the Diocese of Alabama. Rev. James D. Gibson, it is supposed, has gone to one of the Northwestern Dioceses. Rev. Dr. Lord, owing to his Parish, in Vicksburg, being in the hand of the enemy, has for the last two years been laboring in the Dioceses of Georgia and South Carolina. Rev. Mr. McClure has been transferred to the Diocese of Ala. Rev. Geo. Rolleston has gone to one of the Northern Dioceses. Rev. George W. Sill continues in such bad health as to preclude the hope of his ever ministering again in the pulpit. Rev. George Stewart has removed to the Diocese of Minnesota.

Since we were last permitted to meet in Council it has pleased the Great Head of

the Church to take to himself two of our wisest and best beloved Fathers in Christ, Bishops Otey and Polk; the one called from his own peaceful pillow at home, the other snatched away while in the defense of his country. Seldom has the Church to mourn, at one time, the taking off two such faithful and efficient laborers. As long as honesty, and guilelessness, and independence of spirit and patient endurance of privation, and of unrewarded labor shall be valued among men, the name of OTEY will be repeated by father to son through coming generations. And the memory of POLK will flourish in its greenness until all that enoble the man, the Christian, the Bishop and the patriot shall cease to be cherished in the hearts of men. May a gracious Lord look in compassion upon their oppressed and desecrated Dioceses.

We are met together at this time, brethren, in the midst of circumstances well calculated to humiliate as well as sadden our hearts. The ruthless invaders of our rights, and murderers of our sons seem about to be permitted, in the inscrutable Providence of God, to fasten their yoke upon us. Be it so. Almighty disposer of all events! Thou knowest what is best for us. It is not for us to murmur, although Thou punishest us with the rod of the wicked!

But, beloved brethren, though we seem destined to be robbed of all else besides, there cannot be taken from us the consciousness that both, as Clergy and Laity, we have stood by our country from the beginning to the end of her noble struggle. Our duty now is, to bow as well as we can to what seems to be the present will of Him who holds in his hands the destinies of empires. On this day especially, on which you are called to Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, let us try to withdraw our thoughts from the blood and rapine, and desolation that marks our land, and pray for the forgiveness of those who are rioting in the midst of the ruin they have created. Would to God we could add to the prayer, "Father forgive them" the apologetic plea, "they know not what they do." And whilst we thus pray for pardon in behalf of our declared enemies, let us strive, if we can, to forgive those recreant spirits who, from neglect of duty, from the love of gain, or from a cowardly desertion of their posts, have helped to degrade their country—a country always dear to the true patriot, but now doubly so since hallowed by the martyr blood of a noble Bishop, and of thousands upon thousands of her choicest sons.

Where or when our present calamities are to end God only knows. Whilst we continue to trust Him, let us not lose our confidence in each other. The end is not yet. The more we suffer the closer and closer should we cling together in love, in trust, in mutual support. In the holy duties of our calling, you and I, my Clerical brethren, can at all times find sufficient employment, and even consolation, without mingling with those whose presence will make up thoughts of pain and humiliation. Our time is short, and fast hastening to an end. Let the things that now concern us so sorely, be as though they concerned us not. Wait patiently upon the Lord, and He will bring it to pass. With my whole heart I commend you and my country to His guardian care.

Your loving Bishop,

W. M. GREEN.

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Diocese was held in the City Hall, Jackson, May 9th, 1866, having Adjourned from Columbus for the want of a Quorum.

PRESENT OF THE CLERGY:

THE RT. REV. WM. MERCER GREEN, D. D.; REV. WM. F. ADAMS, REV. W. C. CRANE, REV. E. FONTAINE, REV. W. H. PHILLIPS, REV. J. T. PICKETT, REV. HENRY SANSOM, D. D., REV. H. C. HARRIS.

The following Lay Delegates were in attendance:

W. Q. Poindexter, Geo. Fearn and G. D. Sidway, St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; T. E. B. Pegues, St. Peter's, Oxford; D. C. Gordon, Redemption, Hinds county; T. C. Tupper, Grace, Canton.

Rev. E. Fontaine was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, and Col. John Duncan Treasurer of the Diocese.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, Inasmuch as the causes which led to the withdrawal of the Diocese of Mississippi from its Ecclesiastical Union, in a legislative capacity, with the Pro-

testant Episcopal Church in the United States, no longer exist, therefore the action of this body at its Annual Convention in 1862, adopting the "Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America," be, and hereby is declared to be revoked, and our former relations with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States are hereby renewed.

Resolved. That certified copies of the above resolution be transmitted to the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Delegates of the said General Convention, and to the Bishops of the Dioceses, (if any there be), still in connection with the said General Council.

The next Convention was appointed to meet in Vicksburg on the 4th Thursday in April next.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's address pertaining to the relations of the Church to the colored population made the following report:

Just emerging from a great crisis in our national history, in which the social and political status of our colored population have undergone an entire change, we feel that we are entering upon an untried future, concerning which we can have only the most vague and uncertain conjectures.

Previous to the great struggle through which we have recently passed, the prospects of the Church in this department of the moral vineyard were of a most encouraging nature. Several of our clergy had become deeply interested in, and were laboring with great success among the servants, quite a number of beautiful chapels had been erected in various parts of the Diocese, for their use by pious masters and mistresses, who either themselves devoted every Lord's day to their religious instruction, or provided them with the services of a clergyman. There was a growing attachment among them to our mode of worship; the number of communicants was steadily increasing, and it was acknowledged by reflecting men of other communions that the sober services of the church and our system of religious instruction, were unquestionably the best adapted to the constitution and condition of this class.

But by the sudden change in their social and political relations, this interesting work has been almost entirely interrupted. The almost universal breaking up of old established relations,—the general disposition exhibited among them to change their locality, and especially to leave the country and collect in large cities and towns on the great thoroughfares,—together with the unhappy influence of a class of foreign teachers, some of whom appear to make it their peculiar mission to engender in their minds sentiments of suspicion and distrust towards their former masters and spiritual guides,—have all had a tendency to break up, in a great degree, their former spiritual relations, and in the excitement of their newly acquired freedom, to lead them astray from the Church.

But here it is, that your Committee considers an important question arises which the Church must be prepared to meet in all its solemnity. It is: What is the duty of the Church to this class of our population in their political relations? That she cannot and will not ignore them, as being beyond the limits of her solicitude, and the pale of her ministrations, we feel certain, for this were to be recreant to the sacred trust committed to her charge by her Divine Head, when he commissioned her to go forth and "disciple all nations," irrespective of color or condition, and gather them into His sacred fold. Nor can she innocently throw off her responsibility towards them by giving them over to the guidance of strangers who are ignorant of their constitution and character, or leaving them to be led into error and fanaticism by the uninformed and self-appointed teachers of their own race. This she cannot do and maintain her claims to being a valid branch of the Church established by the Redeemer.

But fully recognizing and accepting the change in their social and political status, as having been brought about by the Providence of God, we feel that the Church is under the most solemn obligations to adopt the most active measures to gain their confidence and bring them under the influence of her sound and wholesome instruction.

It is under this deep conviction, that your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved. That this Convention considers it to be the duty of every Clergyman in this Diocese to adopt the most vigorous measures for collecting congregations, and giving religious instruction to the colored population in his care.

Resolved. That the Clergy of this Diocese are hereby earnestly urged to take early action, whenever it is practicable, to establish and maintain parochial schools for the secular and religious instruction of the freedmen and their children in his

parish, to be conducted by teachers of our own communion, and to be under the supervision of the Clergy, within whose care said schools may be established.

Resolved, That the Bishop of the Diocese be requested to communicate with the Protestant Episcopal Freedmen's Commission and ascertain from them what assistance they can afford us in the prosecution of this important work.

H. SANSOM, Chairman Committee.

JOURNAL AND ADDRESS FOR 1866.

BELoved BRETHREN: I bless God for the privilege of once more meeting you in council. So rapid and so disastrous to us have been the events of the last few years, that it would seem only as a troubled dream if the wrecks of our former peace and prosperity were not too plainly and painfully within our view. It is true that the black cloud of war has passed away, but it has left us under a lowering sky with the distant mutterings of the storm still in our ears. The foe that prevailed against us by brute force seems determined, with like brutality, to trample us in the dust. Not content with breaking up the relation of master and slave, a relationship of God's own appointment, they would, if possible, reverse the whole order of society; and after robbing us of one-half of our wealth, would take from us also every incentive to love the Government which has subjected us to its power. To these orderings of an All-wise Providence it is our painful duty to submit, because we know that it is *His* doing, and that "He doeth all things well," although He often seems fit to let the wicked triumph for a season.

But out of the dark clouds that obscure our political sky there has broken upon us a cheering and healing light in the kind and cordial greeting which has come to us from those dear brethren-in-Christ from whom the convulsions of the last few years have painfully severed us; a greeting that has come from the heart—that is showing itself in something more substantial than words, and would gladly lose, in the moment of reunion, all bitter remembrance of the past. This overture of fraternal welcome on the part of our Northern brethren will, I trust, be received by us all in a like spirit of brotherly love. And in no better way can we assure these loving brethren how heartily we reciprocate their affection, than by making the very first act of this Convention a unanimous resolution to restore the Diocese to its former communion with the "Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States." We shall thus not only meet the welcome of our Northern brethren with an equal outflow of fraternal affection, but show to the world that the HOLY CATHOLIC Church of Christ, however separated by political boundaries, is still *one* in love and mutual kind offices, as well as in its authoritative ministry and divinely appointed ordinances.

Whilst the various denominations of the Christian world, that have unfortunately thrown off the authority of a threefold ministry, are being made to feel that the sin of division will sooner or later draw after it sub-division, it is our boast and rejoicing that the several branches of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church throughout the world are drawing closer and closer the bonds that have ever made them *one* in the essentials of a true and living faith, and are removing every obstacle in the way of a free and unrestricted communion. May God hasten the growth of that good work, and show to our children, if not to us, the body of Christ as united in its members as it is glorified in its Head.

I turn now to direct your attention to the affairs of that portion of Christ's Church which has been specially committed to our charge. And would to God, dear brethren, that I could speak of its present condition in more cheering terms. The reduced number of our Clergy, the destruction of some of our churches, the robbery and defacement of others, the general impoverishment of our people, and the total ruin of many, joined to the complicated claims, the embittered feeling, and the disregard of moral obligation naturally growing out of a protracted war; all this, with other causes that might be enumerated, has thrown our church several years back in the race that has been given her to run. To this may be added the death of one of our Clergy, one of our candidates for Orders, and three of our most active and efficient laymen. But let us not be discouraged, beloved brethren. Remember, it is not by the might or the power of man that God is pleased to work, but by his Spirit: and that Spirit can, even with our reduced number and diminished resources, bring about, ere long, a brighter day than has ever yet shone upon our field of labor. As it is a great privilege to be permitted to work with

Him, may it be our daily endeavor to be more and more diligent, that we may be approved of Him in that day.

I will now lay before you a statement of my official acts, and also of the present condition of the Diocese.

Immediately after our adjournment in May last, 1865, I preached at Brandon, the following day (7th) confirmed nine persons and baptized seven adults, one of them in private.

June 11th, preached at Aberdeen, confirmed one person and baptized two children.

June 25th, visited the Church of the Messiah, preached and confirmed four persons.

July 6th, in Columbus baptized one infant.

July 8th, near Macon confirmed six and baptized one adult.

July 9th, preached in Macon, baptized one adult and one infant, and confirmed one person. Next day baptized three adults and three children.

July 23rd, at Lauderdale Springs, baptized two adults and confirmed three persons.

August 5th, preached at DeKalb and baptized one adult. Next day preached again, baptized three adults and one child, and confirmed four persons. Rode five miles that evening and baptized one child.

September 17th, visited Pass Christian, preached and confirmed two persons.

September 19th, passed over to Mississippi City and baptized seven children.

December 31st, I baptized in Columbus one adult and confirmed three persons.

Throughout the months of October and November I was for the most part prevented by sickness from officiating in any way. During that time, however, I felt it my duty, if possible, to attend the meeting of our second "General Council," in Augusta, on the 8th of November. The state of my health enabled me barely to get there, and almost altogether prevented my attendance on its deliberations. The result of those deliberations has been widely made known to the Church, and need not now be recapitulated to you. I will here only state that by its action, each Diocese remaining in connection with the "Council" was put at liberty to withdraw at pleasure from that connection and unite itself with any other church organization which it might choose. Of that permission, without which our Diocese thought it unbecoming to act, we may now avail ourselves; and my hope is that the very first act of this Convention will be to return to that union with the "Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States" from which it has been severed for the last five or six years by the force of political circumstances.

January 7th, 1866, I gave my consent to the consecration of the Rev. John B. Kerfoot, D. D., as the Bishop of Pittsburg.

Left home again January, 1866.

I visited Diamond Place on the 11th and 12th, but did not preach, as most of the former servants, who had so often and so cordially greeted my arrival, had been enticed from their comfortable homes by their pretended friends. The temporary chapel, in which I had so often officiated, was a thorough ruin. The altar was overturned, and the only thing that remained entire to tell of its former sacred use, was the motto: "Holiness to the Lord," which still spanned the broken chancel.

After waiting two days for a boat, I reached Natchez on Saturday, 18th, and preached next day.

I was grieved at finding the affairs of this church in a most depressed and still declining state. So great was their dissatisfaction with their pastor and his assistant, that I felt it my duty to bring about an immediate and final separation. There is now good reason to hope that this noble Parish will, ere long, under proper management, regain much of its former prosperity.

The following three days were spent in the Parish of Christ's Church, Church Hill. On Sunday the 21st, I preached in the forenoon and in the afternoon. At the request of the Rector baptized two children in private.

Tuesday 23rd, reached the "Wade Neighborhood," spent the following day in visiting a number of families. Preached on Thursday, 25th, and confirmed four persons.

Friday 26th, baptized one infant.

Sunday 28th, preached in Port Gibson and confirmed nine persons.

Monday 29th, after visiting several families by the way, I reached the "Church of the Epiphany" and preached, the Rev. Dr. Dana assisting in the services. This little flock, though without a pastor, is still determined to do what it can towards keeping up the worship of the Sanctuary. I have authorized one of their number to act as Lay Reader.

Tuesday 30th, visited the family of Col. Thos. Dabney, ten miles from Raymond, and baptized one infant.

Wednesday 31st, preached in Raymond and confirmed four persons.

February 1st, preached in Clinton. Next day preached and confirmed one person, after giving her authoritative baptism in the place of that she had previously received from well-meaning but unauthorized hands.

My next appointment was for O-yka on Sunday the 4th. This zealous little flock has for some months been without the ministrations of the Church, as the Rev. Mr. Lyon, who served them a for short time, feels compelled to devote the Lord's day to the religious instruction of his pupils. His school, I was pleased to learn, is in a highly prosperous condition. A more favorable location for such an institution could not well be found. Its well known healthfulness, its contiguity to one of our principal railroads, and the excellent society by which it is surrounded, joined to the well established reputation of Mr. Lyon as a teacher and disciplinarian, should deservedly attract to it the attention of parents desiring a good school for their sons.

On Tuesday and Wednesday following I preached at Summit. In the afternoon baptized one infant in private.

Friday, 9th, on my return through Jackson I baptized one infant.

Sunday, 11th, preached at the Chapel of the Cross to a small congregation of whites in the forenoon, and an equal number of blacks in the afternoon. It was no light grief to me to see the change which a few short years have made in this neighborhood. Most of the former friends and members of the church have removed away, their places being filled by strangers who are not likely to take much interest in keeping up the services of the church.

Wednesday, preached in Brandon. Four adults were baptized, who, together with six others (ten in all) were afterwards confirmed. All the church families were visited during my stay.

Friday, 16th, I preached in Meridian.

Saturday, 17th, reached my family after nearly six week's absence, and preached in St. Paul's Church next day.

Monday, 19th, transferred the Rev. Geo. Rottenstein to the Diocese of Texas.

Tuesday, 20th, transferred Rev. Dr. Barnard to the Diocese of New York.

March 1st, gave Letters Dimissory in favor of Rev. R. F. Clute to Standing Committee of Louisiana.

Sunday 4th, preached in Macon, confirmed three persons and baptized one infant.

Left Macon 12 o'clock at night and reached Aberdeen at break of day next morning. Preached at night, and also the following day at 11 o'clock, baptizing one child and confirming one person.

Wednesday, 7th, was spent in Corinth. In the evening I preached, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Burton.

Spent Thursday, the 8th, with my relatives in La Grange, Tennessee, and baptized one infant.

Sunday, 11th, preached in Hernando. In the forenoon baptized one adult and confirmed three persons. In the afternoon preached again, and administered the Holy Communion. Next day I baptized two white and two colored children, confirmed one person, and afterwards administered both baptism and confirmation to a sick lady in private.

Thursday, 13th, was spent in the family of Norfleet Sledge, Esq., as a day of rest. Before resuming my journey next day I baptized his youngest child.

My next appointment was for Panola on the 15th. Owing to an incessant and heavy fall of rain, which injured the railroad, I did not reach that place before the evening of that day. On the 16th I preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., and visited the friends and families of the Church.

Reached Grenada at 2, P. M., on the morning of the 17th. Spent the day in visiting a number of families and in ascertaining the spirit of the people towards the Church. I was more than ever convinced by my enquiries that there is abundant material in this place for the formation of a strong and stable parish. All that is at present wanting is the services of a Missionary once or twice a month, and the decided standing forth of some active and influential Laymen in behalf of the Church. Sunday, 18th, preached both in the afternoon and evening, and confirmed two persons.

From Grenada I passed up to Coffeeville on the 19th, and preached the next day. Before I left the place I baptized two children.

Reached Oxford on the 21st, and preached next day; baptized four adults and one infant, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized two children in private, preached again at night, and confirmed nine persons. It was gratifying to me to see so many of the students of the University in attendance, and to witness their apparent interest in our services. The importance of having an able and zealous minister stationed at this point cannot be over estimated.

I arrived at Holly Springs too late for morning service on the 23rd, but preached in the afternoon, and confirmed one person.

Saturday, 24th, rode to Early Grove and preached the next day, (Sunday, 25th,) baptized one adult and one child, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon of Sunday I returned to Holly Springs, distance of seventeen miles, preached at night, and confirmed one person.

Tuesday, 27th preached in Middleton and confirmed one person.

Thursday, 29th, preached in Carrollton at night. The following afternoon returned to Middleton and baptized one adult and two children.

Reached Calvary Parish on the 30th, after visiting several friends of the Church on the way. The next day rode eight miles to confirm two members of the congregation who could not conveniently get to the church. Sunday, April 1st, preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector.

I was compelled to leave this Parish on the afternoon of Sunday in order to reach my next appointment, at Yazoo City, where I arrived on Monday, the 2nd, and baptized one person, in private, that evening. Next day preached, baptized four adults and one infant, and confirmed twelve persons. On the evening of the 3rd I united a couple in the holy bonds of matrimony.

I left Yazoo City very early on the 4th in the hope of reaching Kirkwood the same evening; but learned on my way that the swollen condition of the intervening streams would render it impossible to reach that place. I therefore passed down to Canton, where I remained two days, but was prevented both from visiting and officiating in the church by an incessant fall of rain.

It was my intention to spend both Saturday and Sunday, (7th and 8th,) in Vicksburg, but owing to unavoidable detentions, I did not reach that place before a very late hour on Saturday night. The next day I preached both forenoon and evening, and administered the rite of confirmation to thirty persons. I was assisted in the services by the Rev. Dr. Sansom, who has returned to this Diocese, and is already displaying in this Parish the same zeal and diligence which marked his former labors amongst us. As my stay in the Parish was shorter than usual, my visits to the families of the congregation were chiefly confined to such as were sick or in affliction. Among the valuable lives to which death had put an end since my last visit, was that of the late General Benj. S. Tappan, one of the worthiest and most zealous members of the Parish, and for a long time its Senior Warden. His long residence in the place, his honorable and upright mode of life, and his zeal for the good of the Church, had justly won for him the esteem of the worldly, no less than the affectionate regard of his brethren in Christ. I was very glad to see that Dr. Sansom, in addition to his other labors, is doing all he can for the good of the blacks.

On Tuesday, 10th, I returned to Jackson, preached, and confirmed eleven persons in the evening. Next day two more received that holy rite, one of them in private, and the other during the public service of the congregation.

Returning to Vicksburg that evening, I took the first boat for my next appointment at Woodville, where I arrived on Friday afternoon in the midst of a heavy rain, which continued throughout the following day and part of the next. On Sunday, 15th, I preached and confirmed nine persons. In the afternoon, at the request of the Rector I addressed a congregation of colored persons on the responsibilities which had come upon them through their lately acquired freedom, and on the necessity for their doing what they could towards the instruction of their children, and providing themselves also with religious services.

During the services on Sunday I was pained at missing from his accustomed seat the venerable and dignified form of Mr. Charles Cato West, who had been called from life's labors and trials since my last visit to the place. For thirty years he was an upright and zealous member of the Parish, and during nearly the whole of that time acted as its Senior Warden. The characteristics of Mr. West were those of a brave soldier, a useful citizen, a loving husband, an affectionate father, and a consistent Christian. If to be highly respected while living, and affectionately remembered in death, be an object worthy of desire, then has this good man attained it to the full; thus leaving to his family an inheritance richer far and far more durable than any mere earthly possession that could have been bequeathed to them. Among the number confirmed that day was his only surviving son, who, after distinguishing himself in the service of his country, had come from a distance to enlist himself as a soldier of Christ.

By appointment I was to be in Natchez on Tuesday, the 17th, but owing to unavoidable delays I did not reach there before the next day, when I preached at 11 o'clock, baptized two children, and confirmed five persons. In the evening I baptized in private three colored children. I was no little thankful to find that attempts which had recently been made to produce division in the congregation had signally failed, and that the newly elected Rector would soon be among them. The

congregation on that day was larger than circumstances had led me to expect; but here, as at Woodville, I was constrained to look upon the vacant seat of another excellent friend and good Christian brother, Brevoort Butler. On my visit in January I left him in a failing, if not dying condition. A few weeks later he entered into life, universally beloved and lamented by all who knew him. Of his loss to his family I will not here speak, but I am sure that the Parish will long and thankfully remember the active and zealous labor which he was ever ready to devote to its interests. For nearly twenty years he had filled the office of Vestryman and Warden with a zeal and untiringness rarely witnessed. And as a Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, many of the rising generation will cheerfully and gratefully acknowledge his patience and fidelity in instructing them. The departure of such a man, at a time like this, when active and godly Laymen are so much needed, is truly to be deplored.

After much detention on my way, I reached home on Sunday morning, the 22nd inst., and officiated in the afternoon. The following Sunday, 6th, I baptized two adults and afterwards confirmed them; thus closing a year of much labor, but not, I fear, of corresponding benefit.

The next day I transferred the Rev. F. Elwell, A. M., to the Diocese of Kentucky. A review of the last twelve months presents a chequered scene of good and evil, in relation to the Church in this Diocese. The evil, arising from the diminished number of our Clergy, the general impoverishment of our people, and the depressing effect which the political and pecuniary condition of the country has produced on all classes, and on every employment of life. The good, growing out of the restoration of union and kind feeling between ourselves and our brethren of the Northern Dioceses, and the timely aid as well as fraternal greeting which they have extended to us.

With very few exceptions all the Parishes and Missionary stations have been visited, and some of them more than once. At Columbus, where I have resided for the last two and a half years, I have officiated every Lord's day when not engaged in the visitations of my Diocese. During a large portion of that time I held the Rectorship of the church, but resigned it at the beginning of this year.

The number confirmed since our last Convention is one hundred and sixty-two. Forty adults have been baptized by me, and forty-seven infants. Of the latter, six were colored; in all, eighty-seven.

Of the Clergy, seven have left the Diocese; one has been added to our list, and one has died; leaving the present number twenty-six.

The candidates for Orders are Joseph B. Lyon, Charles A. Cameron and Alexander F. Samuels, M. D. The name of Norman L. Perry has been dropped from the list, as I have heard nothing from him for the last three years.

The following changes have taken place in the condition of our Clergy:

The Rev. J. Charles Adams, since his return from the army, has settled in Middleton, Carroll county, and performs such services in that place and its neighborhood as his health will permit.

Rev. Robert F. Clute has been transferred to the Diocese of Louisiana.

Rev. Dr. Coleman has returned to Missouri, never having been Canonically connected with this Diocese.

Rev. Dr. Dana has recently accepted a call to the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Natchez.

Rev. Wm. K. Douglas is in charge of the free school of the city of Natchez.

Rev. Fred. Elwell has removed to Newport, Ky.

Rev. Mr. Gibson has not been heard from since he left the Diocese two years ago.

Rev. Henry C. Harris has removed from DeKalb to Shuqualak, and is gradually extending his ministrations along the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

Rev. Dr. Lacy has humanely undertaken to minister to a considerable number of blacks in Okolona, and also to conduct a school for the instruction of their children.

Rev. Edmond Laughlin, (Deacon,) has occasionally ministered in the counties of Claiborne and Warren.

Rev. Dr. Lord has taken Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of South Carolina.

Rev. Dr. Perry has resigned the church in Natchez, but has not yet left the Diocese.

Rev. Mr. Phillips has, with my consent, spent the last twelve months as assistant minister to the Rev. Charles W. Rankin, Baltimore.

Rev. Mr. Presbury has removed from Early Grove to Issaquena county.

Rev. George Rottenstein has been transferred to the Diocese of Texas.

Rev. Dr. Sansom is again numbered with our Clergy, having brought Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Alabama, and became the Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg.

Rev. Dr. Savage has resigned the charge of the Chapel of the Cross, and returned

Pass Christian to establish a school of high character for boys, and also to officiate for the congregation at that place.

The Rev. George C. Harris and Rev. Albert Lyon have for some time been laboring in this Diocese, but have not yet been Canonically transferred to its authority.

To these temporary and comparatively unimportant changes among our Clergy, I am compelled to add one of a more serious and affecting character, viz: the death of the Rev. Wm. Parker Scott, who entered into his rest on the — day of November. Mr. Scott was a man of warm heart, of the most kindly affections, and of unblemished life. Circumstances compelled him, for a long time, to devote more attention than he desired to secular affairs. He was just shaking off all such embarrassing claims, and preparing to give himself unreservedly to the ministry, when it pleased the great Head of the Church to call him to the rest that remaineth for the people, and more especially for the faithful ministers of God. Many hearts, outside of his bereaved family, will long recall, with mournful but affectionate remembrance, the gentle and loving manner in which he went in and out among them.

To this sad memorial of a beloved brother in the Ministry, I cannot refrain from adding a like tribute to the memory of one who, though not yet invested with the Divine commission to preach Christ, was thoroughly prepared to take upon him that Holy office; I mean that most excellent young man, John Joseph Hay, who, whether in point of native intellect, ripe judgment, unfeigned humility, sound scholarship, and unaffected piety had few equals among us. The death of one so early in himself, so idolized by his family so exemplary in every duty, so approved by all, and standing as he was upon the very threshold of the Ministry, thoroughly prepared, (in the estimation of every one but himself) to enter in; the death of such a one, at a time like the present, when the Ministry of the Church may well take up the cry of Rachel, "Give me children, or else I die." is one of those inscrutable orderings of an Allwise Providence which can be judged only by the light of another world. What a call upon us, beloved brethren of the Clergy, should we consider the death of this promising son of the Church to labor and pray that the spirit of grace would put it into the hearts of many of the young men around us to dedicate themselves to the Ministry. Our present chief and crying need is more laborers. The harvest is abundant, and ripe to the sickle, but for want of reapers, is perishing in the field. At this moment there are from twelve to fifteen Parishes and Missionary Stations calling to me to supply them with the services of a Minister. It is true that the salaries which they respectively offer are small, but in no case would less be given than would meet the wants of a man-of-God content to labor with a view to future, rather than present reward. Brethren, let this want of our Church be remembered daily in both our closet and family devotions. And let us, in every becoming way, urge upon the young men of our Communion, the duty of giving themselves to the Ministry now, in this hour of our need. Is it unreasonable to expect that in each of our larger Parishes one or more of such young men may, by the direction of the Good Spirit, be incited to come up to the help of the Lord? Let us see to it, brethren, that we fail not in this matter.

The recent changes in our political condition having placed us in a new relation to the colored population of our country, it becomes our duty to enquire in what way we can best promote their spiritual good. The tender and affecting ties which formerly constituted them, as it were, a part of our family, and bound them to us with an almost filial affection, have been rudely broken, and they now stand toward us in the cold, distant and unsympathetic relationship of hirelings, stripped of those strong claims upon our regard which their late servile and dependent condition justly demanded at our hands. But shall we, for this reason, turn away from their spiritual destitution, and leave to others, less qualified for the task, the charitable work of enlightening their ignorance, and saving their souls? If they are to remain in our midst duty to ourselves, no less than to them, demands that we shall do all in our power to elevate them, both in the moral and civil scale, or in other words, to make them good citizens, as well as good Christians. And where can be found a more sure and more powerful instrument for effecting this end than that which we possess in the instructive teaching of our Prayer Book, and in the simple and devotional nature of our worship? Experience has proved that with a little patient training the negro can be brought to engage understandingly in our public service, and soon come to prefer them to the more exciting, but less edifying exercises which they meet with elsewhere.

Need I add another word, my brethren of the Clergy, to incite you to this good work? When we reflect that the too little attention paid to this subject in times past, may, in the retributive Providence of God, have had much to do in bringing our present troubles upon us, we should seek, by redoubled diligence, to make the future atone for the omissions of the past. I can not here propose any particular

plan for your guidance in doing what you can for the benefit of that unhappy class. After consulting among yourselves, and coming to some general agreement on the subject, you will find me ready to aid your endeavors by every means in my power.

Among the many evils which a desolating war brought upon our people there was none more sensibly felt than the breaking up of our schools, and the consequent loss to our children of four year's instruction. Attempts are now being made in several quarters to open schools of various grades. Among these, none has so just claims to our attention as that established for boys, at Pass Christian, by the Rev. Dr. Savage. Although it is now in the first year only, of its existence, it is receiving an existivie patronage, and is rapidly taking its place among the best Institutions of the kind in our Southern country. I am pleased to add that it is the intention of Dr. Savage to establish, also, a Female School of like grade at that place. To this he has been almost forced by the earnest and repeated sollicitons of those whose daughters had for fifteen years enjoyed the benefits of his former school.

I can not bring these remarks to a close without adverting once more to the kind and liberal aid which has been extended to us by our brethren, the Bishops and Clergy and Laity of our Northern Dioceses. The sympathy which they felt for us, but durst not express during the continuance of our late war, has since vented itself in materially relieving the wants of our Clergy, as well as in assurances of their unaltered affection. Let them receive, as they deserve, not our thanks only, but the return of an equal measure of fraternal good feeling.

Commending most heartily, both you and your labors, to the guidance and blessing of Almighty God, I remain, dear brethren,

Your loving Pastor under Christ,

W. M. GREEN.

Proceedings of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi, 1866.

St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, having been destroyed during the War, the Diocesan Convention, now holding its session in the City Hall, took a recess on Thursday afternoon, May 10th, 1866, for the purpose of holding the annual meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, Bishop of the Diocese, President, called the meeting to order.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and read, when, on motion, John Duncan was unanimously re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Society.

The following officers were, on motion, re-elected for the ensuing year:

1st Vice President, REV. JAMES A. FOX; 2d Vice President, JAMES S. JOHNSTON; 3d Vice President, MARTIN W. EWING.

MANAGERS.—William McWille, T. E. B. Pegues, E. C. Laughlin, W. Q. Poladexter.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.—John Duncan, of Jackson.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Rector and Vestry of the several Parishes, to assess an annual average contribution of three dollars upon each communicant, according to just rules of distribution; and that a member of the Vestry be appointed to collect and pay over this contribution to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, who shall place the same to the credit of the Missionary Fund, subject to the order of the President.

There being no other business, the meeting, after a brief address from the President, adjourned.

JACKSON, May 10, 1866.

JOHN DUNCAN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1866.

To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., President:

DEAR SIR: At the meeting of the Society held during the session of the Diocesan Council in April, 1863, my last regular report was submitted; from which there appears to have been then in the Treasury of the Society, a balance of,...

Received from all sources,	\$ 483 66
“ “ Treasurer,	1,214 48

\$2,138 36

Paid to various Missionaries, as per accompanying vouchers,	\$2,138 36
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The above comprises the entire transactions of the Treasury down to the annual meeting held in April, 1867. There have been no receipts nor disbursements during the past year. Respectfully submitted, JOHN DUNCAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

JACKSON, MAY 10, 1866.

Proceedings of the Diocesan Missionary Society, 1867.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on Friday night, April 28th, in Christ Church, Vicksburg. In the absence of the Bishop, Rev. W. C. Crane was called to the Chair, Rev. James A. Fox, 1st Vice President, assisting.

On motion, the Rev. Henry C. Harris was unanimously elected Secretary and Treasurer, Col. John Duncan, the late efficient incumbent, having resigned.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Col. John Duncan for his long and able services.

The late Treasurer presented his account and vouchers, and Messrs. Hemingway and Johnston were appointed a committee to audit and report on the same.

On motion, the former Vice Presidents were unanimously re-elected viz: 1st Vice President, REV. JAMES A. FOX; 2d Vice President, MR. JAMES S. JOHNSTON; 3d Vice President, MR. MARTIN W. EWING.

Upon motion, the former Board of Managers was duly re-elected, to-wit: Hon. Wm. McWillie, Col. T. E. B. Pegues, Hon. E. C. Laughlin, Dr. W. Q. Poindexter.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, reported the same correct, which report was unanimously accepted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1867.

To the Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D., President:

DEAR SIR: There have been few transactions in this office since the rendition of my last report to the meeting of the Society held in St. Andrew's Parish, Jackson, May 10, 1866.

The following are reported to me by the Bishop, to-wit:

RECEIVED.

St. Paul's Church, Columbus,	\$ 67 15
Calvary Church, Holmes county,	35 60
St. James' Church, Port Gibson,	66 67
	\$169 42

PAID.

Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D.,	\$66 67
Rev. H. C. Harris,	51 90
Bishop Green—disbursed by him,	50 85—\$169 42

Respectfully submitting the above, with the accompanying vouchers, and for reasons fully stated in my report to the Convention, I decline a re-election to the office with which the Society has so repeatedly honored me and remain.

With the highest esteem and regard, faithfully yours, JOHN DUNCAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

JACKSON, APRIL 18, 1867.

Upon motion of Gen. Sears, it was unanimously Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Society and which reads as follows:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Rector and Vestry of the several Parishes, to assess an annual average contribution of three dollars upon each communicant, according to just rules of distribution; and that a member of the Vestry be appointed to collect and pay over this contribution to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, who shall place the same to the credit of the Missionary Fund, subject to the order of the President."

be re-adopted, with the following amendment:

Resolved, That the Secretary be required to send to each Rector of this Diocese, and where there is no Rector or officiating Clergyman, to each Vestry, a notification of the re-adoption of this resolution and call their attention to the duties required of them.

There being no further business, the meeting, after some pleasant and earnest addresses from the Rev. Chairman, the Rev. Drs. Sansom and Dana, and the Rev. Messrs. Miller, Pickett and Clark, adjourned to meet at the next Convention, unless sooner specially convened.

H. C. HARRIS, Secretary and Treasurer,

AN APPEAL

To the Friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi:

By the Convention of the Church, held at Vicksburg, in April last, it was resolved that the "Bishop's House" should be re-built on the old site, near the City of Jackson—and the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Properties were directed to carry this resolution into effect. At the same time the Convention authorized them to use, for the purpose of re-building, the Notes belonging to the Episcopal Fund, as far as they could be made available, and directed an Appeal to be made to the whole Church throughout the Diocese, for additional contributions to carry on the work. The notes belonging to the Episcopal Fund will be used to the utmost extent that they can be made available, but in the depressed pecuniary condition of the country, they cannot be counted upon, at present as at all sufficient for the work. We are therefore induced to address an earnest appeal to all members of the Church and other charitable and Christian people in the Diocese to aid us in the work committed to our charge. The "Bishop's House" rebuilt, will belong to the Diocese. It will not be the private property of any individual or of any Parish, but will be and remain forever, the permanent residence and home of the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, whoever may be the incumbent of the office. The site upon which it is to be built, is within one mile of the City of Jackson, and is one of the most beautiful and healthy situations in the State. There are about sixty acres of ground attached to it, the property of the Church, and when the new residence is erected, there will be a home provided for our present loved and venerated Bishop, as well as his successors, that will enable them to live in comfort, in the midst of their charge, accessible and convenient to every Parish in the Diocese, and where they can dispense that hospitality enjoined by the Church upon her ministers. Our people all know that the "Bishop's House" was destroyed during the war. This was a severe loss to our young and struggling Diocese, but the blow fell far heavier on our venerated Bishop. Every thing belonging to him of earthly goods was at the same time destroyed. Every article of furniture in the house, and what was prized much more highly by him, his large and valuable library—the collection of many years endeared to him by the memories of the past, and incapable of being replaced was, in a few moments destroyed by the torch, and he was left homeless as a wanderer through the Diocese, dependent almost, on daily charity for a shelter for his family. Driven by severe necessity, he has been compelled temporarily to seek a home outside of the limits of Mississippi. These things should not be. It is the duty of all Christians to aid in removing a state of things, which is a reproach to us all, as long as it exists. No one need give much, if all will give a little. Contributions, large or small, we earnestly call for. They can be sent to us jointly or to each of us individually. We hope this appeal will meet a prompt and ready response, and that each member of the Church will feel that it is not only duty but a pleasure, to aid in re-building the home of our Bishop and enabling our present loved and venerated Pastor, to spend the remainder of his days in peace and domestic comfort, surrounded by his family, in the midst of his flock.

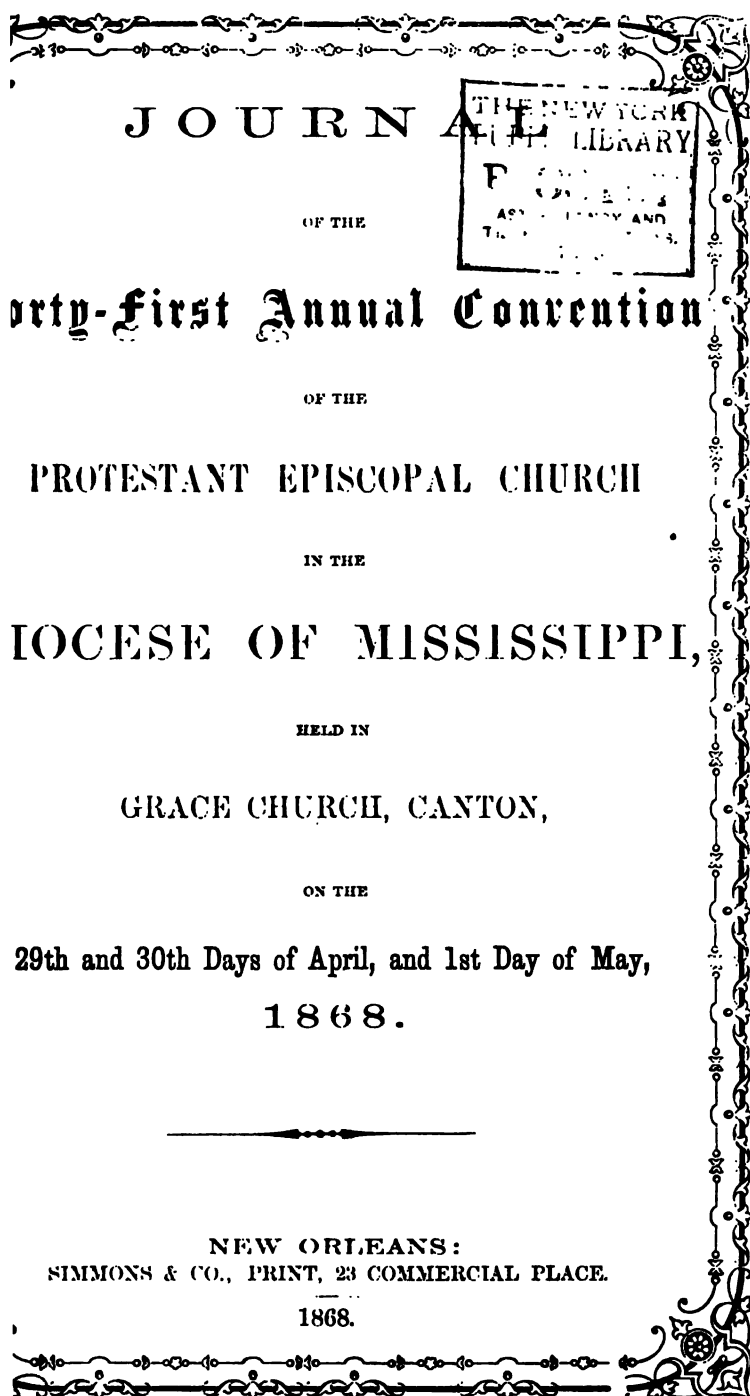
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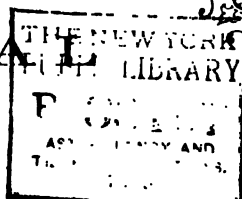
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TRUSTEES.

JACKSON, MISS., May 15, 1867.



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Rev. J. CHARLES ADAMS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville.
Rev. WM. H. BURTON, Rector of Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County.
Rev. F. W. BOYD, residing near Natchez.
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Rev. EDWARD FONTAINE.
Rev. JOHN FOSTER, Rector of Ascension Church, Hernando.
Rev. JAMES A. FOX, ministering in Warren County.
Rev. JAMES D. GIBSON, absent in Canada.
Rev. DUNCAN C. GREEN (Deacon), officiating at Brandon, Canton, and Terry.
Rev. BENJ. HALSTEAD, Rector of Calvary Church, Holmes County; Post Office, Lexington.
Rev. GEORGE C. HARRIS, Chapel of the Cross, Madison County.
Rev. JOHN HEWITT (Deacon), ministering at Osyka, Summit, &c.
Rev. EDWARD C. LAUGHLIN, ministering to Freedmen, Warren County.
Rev. ALBERT LYON, Principal of Male School, Chatawa, Pike County.
Rev. W. McCALLEN, ministering at Handsborough and Mississippi City.
Rev. WM. M. Pettis, Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs.
Rev. WM. E. PHILLIPS, Principal of Male School, Pass Christian.
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Rev. WILLARD PRESBURY, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.
Rev. HENRY SANSOM, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg.
Rev. THOMAS S. SAVAGE, M.D., temporarily residing in Virginia.
Rev. JOHN E. SMEDES, Principal of French School, Pass Christian.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES
ELECTED TO THE CONVENTION OF 1868.

THOSE MARKED THUS * ATTENDED ITS SITTINGS.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.—*Dr. W. T. Balfour, Mr. P. W. Shearer, *W. W. Alloin. Alternates—W. Hunter, Geo. M. Klein, A. J. Conklin.

TRINITY, NATCHEZ.—Hon. A. Montgomery, Dr. Spencer Wood, Dr. G. Colhoun. Alternates—Col. Joseph Lovell, L. S. Bronn, Esq., Dr. Wm. E. Bondurant.

ST. ANDREW'S, JACKSON.—Hon. Wm. Yerger, *Col. John Duncan, Mr. D. P. Porter. Alternates—Dr. T. J. Mitchell, George Fearn, Esq., G. D. Sidway, Esq.

CHRIST, HOLLY SPRINGS.—Dr. Charles Bonner, Dr. P. A. Willis, Mr. Howard Falconer.

GRACE, CANTON.—*A. Sneed, C. C. Shackelford, *S. L. Mosby. Alternates—*Charles Shackelford, *T. C. Tupper, Richard Winter.

CALVARY, HOLMES COUNTY.—Stephen A. Eggleston.

ST. PETER'S, OXFORD.—*Col. T. E. B. Pegues, *Gen. Francis A. Shoup, *Dr. John Thompson.

ST. PAUL'S, COLUMBUS.—Mr. Richard Evans, B. A. Vaughan, M. D., P. L. Darling, Esq.

ST. JOHN'S, EARLY GROVE.—C. P. Pool, Esq., R. A. Baird, Esq.

ST. MARK'S, RAYMOND.—*Charles E. Mount, Thomas G. Dabney.

ST. JOHN'S, ABERDEEN.—Col. A. J. Gillespie.

GETHESEMANE, CHATAWA.—*J. S. Lytton, *Henry Pickles.

ST. ALBAN'S, BOVINA.—*Arnold Hannum, Dr. William Ball, Mr. Samuel Townsends.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, MADISON COUNTY.—Dr. J. S. Green, Wm. P. Dewees.

ST. PHILIP'S, KIRKWOOD.—*Gov. Wm. M. McWillie, *Mr. Wm. McWillie.

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GRACE CHURCH, CANTON,

WEDNESDAY, April 29, 1868.

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Forty-First Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, the Rt. Rev. William Mercer Green, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, called the Convention to order at 10 o'clock A. M., and opened it with prayer.

The Roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, was then called, and the following Clergymen answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D.D.,

Rev. J. C. Adams,

Rev. A. W. Clarke,

Rev. W. C. Crane,

Rev. W. D. Christian,

Rev. C. B. Dana,

Rev. W. K. Douglas,

Rev. D. C. Green,

Rev. Benj. Halstead,

Rev. E. C. Laughlin,

Rev. W. M. Pettis,

Rev. J. T. Pickett,

Rev. Henry Sansom, D.D.

Credentials of Lay Delegates were laid upon the table, from the following Parishes:

Trinity Church, Natchez; Christ Church, Vicksburg; St. Paul's Church, Columbus; St. John's Church, Aberdeen; Grace Church, Canton; Calvary Church, Holmes County; St. Mark's Church, Raymond; St. John's Church, Early Grove; Gethsemane Chapel, Chat-
awa; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Christ Church, Holly Springs; and St. Peter's Church, Oxford; which were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. W. C. Crane, Col. T. E. B. Pegues, and Mr. A. Sneed, who, after examination, reported the same as correct.

Whereupon, the report having been received, the list of names was called, and the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats in the Convention:

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.—W. W. Allein.

ST. ANDREW'S, JACKSON.—John Duncan.

ST. PETER'S, OXFORD.—T. E. B. Pegues, F. A. Shoup, John Thompson.

ST. MARK'S, RAYMOND.—C. E. Mount.

GETHESEMANE CHAPEL, CHATAWA.—J. G. Lytton, Henry Pickles.

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON.—A. Sneed, S. L. Mosby, T. C. Tupper.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being present, the Bishop declared the Convention duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. J. T. Pickett was, *viva voce*, unanimously elected to the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion, Mr. John A. Klein was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

By consent of the Convention, the Secretary appointed the Rev. W. M. Pettis as his Assistant.

The Bishop called for the Parochial Reports, which were laid upon the table and afterwards referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Clarke, Pickett, and Douglas; the Ante-Communion by the Bishop—the Rev. G. W. Stickney, of Louisiana, reading the Epistle.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. Henry Sansom, D.D., from Acts v: 38 and 39.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, assisted by Rev. C. B. Dana, D.D.

After Divine Service the Convention was again called to order, and on motion adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention reassembled, and was called to order by the Bishop.

Rev. George C. Harris, not present in the morning, appeared and took his seat in the Convention.

The Committee on Credentials reported certificates of Lay Delegates from St. Alban's, Bovina, and the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Madison County, as correct, and the following Lay Delegates entitled to seats:

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CROSS.—Dr. J. S. Green, W. P. Dewees.

ST. ALBAN'S.—A. Hannum, Dr. Wm. Barr, and Samuel Townsends.

Mr. Hannum, from St. Alban's, answered to his name and took his seat.

On motion, the rules of order of the previous Convention were read and adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen not entitled to seats, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to seats in this Convention.

Under which, the Rev. George W. Stickney, from the Diocese of Louisiana, took a seat.

The Bishop announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.—Rev. W. D. Christian, Messrs. S. L. Mosby and C. C. Shackleford.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Rev. W. C. Crane, Rev. H. Sansom, D.D., Rev. C. B. Dana, D.D., Rev. A. W. Clarke, Rev. J. C. Adams, Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. Wm. Burton.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.—Rev. J. T. Pickett, Rev. W. M. Pettis, Rev. G. C. Harris, Mr. C. E. Mount, and Mr. T. C. Tupper.

FINANCE.—Messrs. T. E. B. Pegues, J. Duncan, W. W. Allein, F. A. Shoup, J. Thompson, A. Sneed.

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.—Rev. W. K. Douglas, Rev. D. C. Green, Mr. Henry Pickles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Rev. E. C. Laughlin, Mr. J. G. Lytton.
On motion,

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to report some definite and uniform basis upon which the assessments of the several Parishes shall hereafter be made.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON,

THURSDAY, April 30, 1868.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Bishop.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. Albert Lyon, Rector of Gethsemane Chapel, Chatawa, and Dr. W. T. Balfour, Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Vicksburg, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats in the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the present form of Parochial Reports.

Whereupon the Chair appointed the following as said committee:

Rev. H. Sansom, D.D., Rev. W. M. Pettis, Rev. W. K. Douglas, and Gen. F. A. Shoup.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on New Parishes be requested to revise the present list of Parishes in union with this Convention, and erase from that list such as they can ascertain to be certainly extinct.

The hour appointed having arrived, the Bishop proceeded to read his Annual Report and Address:

JOURNAL AND ADDRESS OF BISHOP GREEN.

Through the goodness of God, we are spared, once more, dear brethren, to take counsel together for the good of His Church.

Though surrounded by the same circumstances of poverty and oppression which were given to us for our trial when we last met together, it would be ungrateful in us not to acknowledge with thankfulness the returning favor of our Heavenly Father, as seen in the reviving activity, and consequent increase of some of the principal Parishes of our Diocese. If it has pleased God to disappoint once more the hopes of our Planters, by withholding for another season the much needed fruits for which they toiled ; and which were so sorely needed, a purer and more lasting blessing has been vouchsafed to our spiritual labors. In no one point can it be said, that we have "lost ground," while in almost all there has been more or less growth.

One veteran soldier among our Clergy has fallen, after a long and well-fought struggle in upholding the Gospel banner ; and on yesterday's winds there was borne to us the painful intelligence, that one of our most prominent and useful Laymen could no longer be permitted to join either hand or voice with us, in our present work. Though a worn and weary soldier has laid aside his arms to rest, a young recruit—the child of a mother's many prayers, and the fruit of my own body—has stepped forward into his place, and, God be praised ! a number much larger than usual, are preparing to swell our Clerical ranks. Thankful for these tokens of the Divine favor, let us take courage, and work, while it is called "to-day."

I will now lay before you the account of my year's labors :

Before the adjournment of our last Council, I confirmed *nineteen* persons in Vicksburg. Immediately after the adjournment, I proceeded to visit the

Parishes on the Gulf Coast, and along the "New Orleans and Jackson Railroad." Before leaving Vicksburg, I confirmed *one* other person in private.

May 2d, I preached at Chatawa to the pupils of Rev. Mr. Lyon's School, and a small number of the neighbors. *Five* of the pupils were confirmed; thus affording another proof of the admirable course of religious training practiced in this institution.

May 3d, preached at Osyka.

Sunday, May 5th, preached at Pass Christian, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *fifteen* persons.

May 9th, having been appointed for the consecration of the Church erected a few years ago at Terry, I was glad to be assisted on that occasion by Rev. Messrs. Crane, Halstead, Carraway and Douglas. In the presence of a large number from the neighborhood, that neat little building, free at last from debt, was set apart to the worship of Almighty God, under the name of "The Church of the Good Shepherd." At the first organization of the Parish, in 1859, it took the name of "Zion Church," and as such appears on several of our Journals. As the change of name was made at the unanimous request of the Vestry and principal contributors, it is hoped that no objection will be made to it on the part of this Council. At my request the sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Crane. After which the Holy Communion was administered, and *seven* persons confirmed. I was sorry to find that Rev. Mr. Carraway, who had been officiating here for several months, was about to return to Virginia.

May 10th was given to Jackson; but I was prevented from preaching by excessive hoarseness. During service at night *five* were confirmed.

At Oxford, on the 12th, I preached twice, confirmed *fourteen*, and baptized *three* adults and *six* children. On *Tuesday*, 14th, I baptized *three* more children.

May 15th, I preached at Holly Springs, and confirmed *three* persons.

Friday, 17th, returned to my family at "University Place," Tennessee, where, through the summer months, I frequently assisted in the services of the Chapel.

University Place, July 21st, I united a couple in Matrimony.

University Place, August 4th, confirmed *two* persons.

University Place, August 28th, near the University baptized *one* adult and *five* children.

Rutherford County, Tennessee, September 11th, united a couple in Matrimony.

University Place, September 24th, I admitted to the Priesthood Rev. Wm. M. Pettis, of this Diocese, and gave Deacon's Orders to Henry Harrison Sneed and Henry Dunlop, of the Diocese of Tennessee. I was assisted in the examination and ordination of these persons by Rev. Drs. Pise and Knight.

September 28th, transferred Wm. H. Trezevant and Edwin J. K. Lessel, Candidates for Orders, to the Diocese of Vermont.

October 5th, set out on my Fall Visitation.

Sunday, 6th, preached at Iuka, in the Methodist Place of Worship, kindly proffered for the occasion. This is the first time, I believe, that our services have been held in that place. Within the last few years it has grown to be a village of some considerable population, especially during the summer months, when it is visited by many on account of its healthfulness, and its mineral waters. I visited several families, and found more friends of the Church than I had expected. Several persons expressed themselves desirous of the Ordinances of the Church, and all seemed to wish that her services might be presented to them again. I promised to pay them another visit, and in the mean time to send them a supply of Tracts and Prayer Books.

Wednesday, 9th, preached in Pontotoc twice, baptized *sic* children and confirmed *one* person. There are a few faithful members of the Church in this village, but its remoteness from other places, and the inability of the friends of our Communion to support a minister among themselves, have for some time cut them off from all Church services except such as are afforded by my annual visitations. It is at such places as this that a "Missionary at large," viz: one appointed to visit all the unsupplied places within the Diocese, might do much good by spending a week or two at a time, if it were only twice in the year, thus banding our friends and brethren together, ministering to their more urgent needs, and encouraging them to hope and pray for better times.

Friday, 11th, preached twice at Okolona, and baptized *two* adults, both of whom, I regret to say, shrunk next day from the Rite of Confirmation, under the mistaken but too common notion that the renewal of their Baptismal vows in that Ordinance would bring them under a heavier accountability than that which they took upon them at the time of their baptism.

Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th, were given to Aberdeen. I preached twice, and confirmed *nine* persons, one of them in private. I was much gratified at the improved condition of this Parish, especially at the many needed repairs that have been put upon their Church. The Rev. Mr. Clarke is faithful

and laborious in his ministrations, and is correspondingly beloved. It is feared, however, that the threatened removal of several of the more substantial of his flock will seriously diminish their ability to give him a necessary support for the future.

Thursday, 15th. In Octibbeha County, I baptized a worthy couple, who had for some time been desirous of uniting themselves with the Church. I also, at same time, administered baptism to their youngest child, being the only one then at home.

Wednesday, 16th, preached at the Church of the Messiah, Noxubee County, administered the Holy Communion, baptized three children, and confirmed one person. Here I began to realize how much our Diocese has lost in the removal of that most faithful and efficient Missionary, Rev. Henry C. Harris. At this place, and all along his extensive line of labor, the deepest regret was expressed at his departure; but no one blamed him, inasmuch as they had not the ability to give a decent support to himself and family.

Friday, 18th, was spent in Macon. Preached at 11 A. M., confirmed five, and baptized one child. Met the Congregation in the afternoon, and urged them to either build or purchase a Rectory, with a view to the permanent settlement of a Minister among them. I was, at the time, much encouraged by the spirit manifested by those present; but have since learned that the increased pressure of the times has dampened their zeal, and put a stop to their labors. At this place also I witnessed, with thankfulness, the marked efforts of Mr. Harris's labors.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 19th, 20th and 21st, were spent in Columbus. I preached on Sunday forenoon. In the evening Rev. Mr. Pickett preached, and I confirmed six persons. On Monday afternoon I rode seven miles in the country, and baptized an infant, one of my own grandchildren.

Tuesday, 22d, I was to have been at Dekalb; but was accidentally prevented from fulfilling my engagement. I regretted this the more, as a considerable time had elapsed since my last visit to that place.

Thursday, 24th, preached at 11 A. M., at "Lauderdale Springs," and baptized two adults. Preached again in the evening, and confirmed two.

Saturday and Sunday, 26th and 27th, were given to Meridian. Preached at 11 on Sunday, in a school-house built by the exertions of Mr. Harris, and used by him as a place of worship. Owing to the rain, and the imperfect notice given of my coming, the congregation was small. The Rectory I was

sorry to find in a very unfinished condition. There is much needed here, as in very many of our Parishes, one or more leading Laymen, to take upon themselves a fair proportion of the secular and out-door labor, which is now universally but unreasonably expected of the Minister, in addition to his many and engrossing duties, as the Pastor of his flock.

In the afternoon, I returned up the road to Marion Station, preached in the evening, and baptized *one* infant.

Monday, 28th, preached at Enterprise, and confirmed *two* persons.

Tuesday, 29th, I had engaged to be at Quitman; but on approaching the place I found that the funeral services of one of its citizens were to be performed, at the hour appointed for myself. Being uncertain also whether notice had been received of my coming, I passed on to the residence of my kind friend and brother, Col. George S. Gaines, in Winchester County. Here I greatly enjoyed, for two days, the rest which I so much needed. My time, however, though pleasantly, was not idly spent, as I had the satisfaction, before leaving that hospitable roof, of receiving five of its household—*four* adults and *one* child—into the fold of Christ, by Baptism. I was pained to find that my worthy friend had recently lost his wife, after a happy union of fifty-seven years. Those who knew this good lady well will affectionately remember her, as the kindest of friends, and a model of all the domestic virtues.

November 2d and 3d I spent in Brandon, where I was met by Rev. Messrs. Crane, Douglas and Lyon, as well as by Rev. J. Charles Adams, (Deacon,) who had come there to receive Priests' Orders. On Saturday I preached in the forenoon, and in the afternoon confirmed *one* person and baptized *two* children in private. Mr. Douglas preached in the evening, when I again administered baptism to *eight* adults and *two* children. The next day (Sunday, 3d) the sacred order of Priesthood was given to Rev. Mr. Adams. The sermon was preached, at my request, by Rev. Mr. Crane, who, together with Messrs. Douglas and Lyon, assisted in examining and presenting the candidate, in the subsequent laying on of hands, and in the administration of the Holy Communion. Mr. Adams preached in the afternoon, when *fourteen* were confirmed. My visit to this place, though cheering in some respects, was no little saddened by finding my kind friend, Daniel W. Wilkinson, in the last stage of consumption. His mental powers, however, were so far spared to him as to allow of his receiving, understandingly and thankfully, the Rite of Confirmation, of seeing two of his grandchildren baptized at his bedside, and of partaking with his family and friends in the Blessed Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ. His loss will be seriously felt, not only by his family, but by the

Church in that place, as no one of its members ever showed more zeal or liberality in promoting its interests.

Monday, November 4th, preached at Jackson in the evening, and confirmed *three* persons.

Wednesday, 6th, I preached at "Diamond Place" to a very small congregation of blacks and two or three white persons. Mr. Laughlin is very commendably interested in the spiritual welfare of the Freedmen at this place; but the small number within reach of his services makes it questionable whether the fruits of his labors would not be greatly increased in a larger field.

Thursday, 7th, I was to officiate in Greenville, Washington County, but owing to unavoidable detention on the river, I did not reach that place before Saturday evening, when I found that no notice had been received of my appointment. I nevertheless officiated next forenoon in the office of the Probate Clerk, to a small number, and in the afternoon to a full congregation, in the Methodist Place of Worship. In the evening I baptized, in private, *four* children. No portion of our State suffered more than this from the disasters of the last few years. I was pleased, nevertheless, to see some signs of returning confidence, and some renewed show of business. A Minister is much needed, and would be warmly welcomed in this place and neighborhood. It was my intention to give a day to "Deer Creek;" but the detention which I had previously met with would not allow of my doing so, unless by losing one or two of my next-following appointments. I was prevented by the same cause from visiting Lake Washington.

Tuesday, 11th, I reached Vicksburg, and remained three days. On *Friday* night I preached, and confirmed *twenty-two* persons—*three* others being kept away by sickness. This large number, added to the last two confirmations, makes nearly one hundred within the two years during which the present Rector has been in charge.

Saturday, 15th, I took the packet for Yazoo City; but owing to a dense and protracted fog, did not arrive until the next day, just as the congregation was coming away from the morning service. I preached both in the afternoon and evening, and confirmed *nine* persons. I was sorry to find the yellow fever still prevailing here, as at Vicksburg. A number had already fallen victims to that scourge of our Southern country; several were then lingering between life and death; and the worthy Minister of the Presbyterian Communion was numbered with the dead a few hours after my arrival. This congregation, though still inconsiderable in point of numbers, was materially strengthened by the zealous

labors of their late Pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Phillips, who was constrained to leave them solely from their inability to give his family a comfortable support. Rev. Wm. D. Christian is now in charge, and is laboring with becoming zeal.

On Monday afternoon I set out in the stage for my next appointment at Kirkwood. During that night-ride of twenty-six miles I contracted a severe cold, which followed me for the next three weeks, disqualifying me for more than half the duty which I had marked out for myself.

Wednesday, 20th, I preached at Kirkwood, and confirmed *two* persons. On account of my hoarseness and increasing cold, our services were held in the parlor of Governor McWillie. I was glad to find this little band of brethren, though suffering painfully from the pecuniary character of the times, trusting God for the future, and thankful for being once more favored with the ministrations of a faithful Pastor.

Thursday, 21st, was my appointed day near "West's Station." I there was met by Rev. Mr. Halstead, who has, for some time past, as his other engagements would admit, officiated in this neighborhood. I rode with him a few miles to a Methodist Church, and confirmed *nine* persons. The congregation was large, and I attempted to address them, but was too ill to collect or command my ideas.

Friday, 22d, rode to Black Hawk with Mr. Halstead; with difficulty preached the next day, and confirmed *two* persons.

Saturday, 23d, reached Calvary Parish; preached Sunday, 24th, to a very large congregation, and confirmed *eight*. This Parish, though still small in numbers, is growing from year to year. Its worthy Rector, Rev. Mr. Halstead, has now been with them fourteen years, and is deservedly loved and esteemed by them all.

My next appointment was for "Winona," on the 26th, but being too sick to ride that distance, I was forced to write, and appoint another day.

Wednesday, 27th, rode to Carrollton; preached with difficulty next evening and baptized *two* adults. Next day preached, baptized *three* adults and *three* infants, and confirmed *eight* in public and in private. It was truly gratifying to me to see the growing state of this little flock under the necessarily infrequent ministrations of Rev. Mr. Adams. A clergyman of small family who would take a school might at once obtain the means of support as well as plenty of work, in this place, or between it and Winona.

Being earnestly recommended by both friends and physicians to attempt nothing more in my enfeebled and feverish state, I reluctantly recalled my ap-

pointments at Winona and Grenada, and went to my son's in Madison County for a few days of quiet and rest.

December 2d, I reached Canton, but was prevented by want of strength from making my usual round of visits to the families of the congregation. The next day I preached, assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Crane. In the evening I united a couple in Matrimony, a few miles from the town, and baptized one infant. Preached next day, and confirmed *six*.

Thursday, 5th, was intended for the "Chapel of the Cross;" but in consideration of my feeble health, the uncertainty of my appointment having reached the place, and the still greater uncertainty of getting a congregation together at that time, I determined to put off my visit until the Spring.

Jackson, Sunday, Dec. 8th. This was a day of deep and solemn interest to me, as I was to set apart a beloved son of my own body to the holy and responsible work of the Ministry. At 11 A. M. Rev. Mr. Fox, at my request, preached the Ordination Sermon; and Rev. Mr. Crane presented the candidate, Duncan Cameron Green, to receive, by the "Laying on of Hands," authority to exercise the office of a Deacon in the Church of God. In the evening a sermon was preached by the newly-ordained Deacon, and *nine* persons were confirmed.

Monday, 9th, I visited Rev. Mr. Lyon's school, at Chatawa, accompanied by Rev. Messrs. Fox and Crane. The next day I delivered a Discourse to the pupils on Confirmation, and administered that holy rite to *two* of their number, and to *one* apparently devout colored woman. I mention this last-named individual with peculiar pleasure, as being the first instance within my knowledge of one of that class asking for the Ordinances of the Church, since a mistaken philanthropy wrenched them, with bloody hands, from the protection and instruction of those who cared for their souls, to throw them back into the ignorance and superstition of their forefathers.

I was pleased to find Mr. Lyon's school in a prosperous condition, though reduced in number by the pecuniary difficulties of the times.

Wednesday, 11th, was spent in New Orleans, for the purpose of consulting with the Bishop of Louisiana on the affairs of our "University of the South."

Thursday, 12th, I preached at Summit, and confirmed *four*. Was sorry to find Rev. Mr. Hewitt in delicate health, though somewhat cheered by the hope of soon seeing his Parsonage completed.

Saturday and Sunday, 14th and 15th, were given to Oxford, where I was joined by Rev. Mr. Pettis, of Holly Springs. The next day I preached in the

forenoon, and baptized *six* young men, students of the University. In the afternoon I baptized in private *nine* children. Mr. Pettis preached in the evening. Next day (*Sunday, 15th*) I preached, and confirmed *fifteen*; of whom thirteen were members of the University. After which the Holy Communion was administered. It was truly gratifying to see so awakened an interest in the members of this pastorless congregation. But whilst I speak of its being without a Pastor, I feel compelled, by a sense of justice as well as of thankfulness, to acknowledge the active and efficient services of the Lay Brother who has for more than a year acted both as Reader in the Church and as an untiring Laborer outside of it. During my stay in Oxford I was truly gratified by being allowed to place on my List of Candidates for the Ministry the name of Professor Francis A. Shoup, a member of the Faculty of the University, and to associate him with Mr. Pegues in the honorable and beneficent work of Reading in the Church, and otherwise, as far as possible, supplying the place of a Pastor.

Monday and Tuesday, 16th and 17th, were spent in Holly Springs. On the 17th I preached, and confirmed *two* persons. The congregation has succeeded in repairing the breaches made in their Church, by a rude soldiery, and has added some decided improvements in point of comfort, as well as of appearance. No Parish in the Diocese seems to feel more sensibly the pressure of the times.

Wednesday, 18th. I spent in the Parish of St. Andrew's; but did not preach, as no appointment had been made for me. But little has been done for this Parish, either by itself or others, for the last five or six years; but I was glad to find, that there are seven families left, notwithstanding the many deaths and disasters that have come upon the neighborhood within that time. I visited several of them, and endeavored to excite them to an effort to unite with the Parish of St. John's, ten miles distant, in supporting a Minister between them. And I rejoice to add that the effort has since been made, and crowned with success.

Friday, 20th, preached at "Early Grove," assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Pettis, and by Rev. Mr. Stout, of the Diocese of Arkansas. *Two* persons were confirmed. This Congregation has for several years been both sparingly and irregularly supplied with services. Rev. Mr. Pettis has lately taken both this place and St. Andrew's under his Pastoral care, and kindly given them as much of his attention as he could, consistently with his obligations to his own Parish, in Holly Springs. At the conclusion of the day's services, I requested the Vestry to remain a few moments, that I might set before them the

importance and practicality of it at once obtaining a Minister: and I was no little gratified at their readiness in assenting to my counsel, and resolving forthwith to write to Rev Mr. Douglas. I also gave authority to two worthy members of the Communion to act as Lay-Readers for the Congregation.

December 21st, I baptized one infant in La Grange, Tennessee.

December 22d, I preached in Corinth, in the forenoon, and intended to preach in Iuka, in the evening; but was so overcome with fatigue that I deemed it prudent not to attempt any more labor before I had taken a much needed rest in the bosom of my family.

December 23d, reached my mountain residence, after an absence of twelve weeks.

December 24th, united a couple in marriage.

March 7th, 1868, left home on my Spring visitation.

Sunday, 8th, was spent in Iuka. It rained so incessantly all day that no public service could be held. I nevertheless visited six families, giving them instruction on the Church. Two children were baptized; and I was pleased to find that others, both infant and adult, were desirous of receiving the Ordinances of the Church, at my next visit.

Wednesday, 10th, reached Hernando, and was glad to find Rev. Mr. Foster in charge of that Parish. After visiting all the Church families, I preached twice on Friday. At the request of the Pastor, I baptized four adults and one infant, and confirmed eight. Their Church building, which had long been in a state of decay, has been repaired and much improved.

Saturday, 14th, preached in Panola, forenoon and afternoon, and confirmed one person.

The same night I reached Grenada, at a late hour. *Sunday*, 15th, I preached in the Presbyterian Place of Worship, in the afternoon; and in the Town-Hall, in the evening. In private I baptized three adults, and three children; and at the evening service, confirmed three persons.

Tuesday, 17th, reached Winona, where I had been compelled, by sickness last fall, to recall two appointments. I was pleased at finding here the minds of several strongly inclined toward our Church. The day was spent in visiting from house to house, and in baptizing four adults and seven children. I preached both forenoon and in the evening, taking for my subject, on both occasions, the distinctive principles and practices of our Branch of the Church Catholic. Five persons were confirmed.

My next appointment was for the "Chapel of the Cross," where, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Harris and Green, I preached to a small congregation on the 19th. And truly thankful was I thus to welcome back some of its early friends and founders, and unite my prayers and praises with theirs in that, of late, deserted and defaced temple. Whether the circumstances of our country will ever permit that House to regain its former beauty and worship, is known only to God.

Sunday, 22d, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Green, I preached in Clinton in the forenoon, and baptized one adult. At the close of the services we rode over to Raymond, expecting to officiate in the afternoon, but found that the services had been postponed to the evening. The sermon was, at my instance, preached by Mr. Green. Five children were baptized, and the Rite of Confirmation administered to thirteen. The condition of this Parish is truly cheering. Their Church, which had suffered from the ravages of war, has been thoroughly repaired and handsomely and a propriately fitted for use.

On my return next day through Clinton I baptized two children.

Tuesday, 24th, visited the Parish of St. Alban's, and preached at the house of Mrs. Bryan, to a larger congregation than I had hoped to find. Whilst truly thankful to take again by the hand some whom I knew in more prosperous circumstances before the war, it was painful to learn that in this once wealthy neighborhood others, whose hearts yearned once more to mingle in our services, were kept away by the want of conveyances even more than by sickness or any bodily infirmities. Stripped and spoiled as they are, I could only encourage them to bear patiently what it seemed good to God to lay upon them, and to trust Him for restoring, in his own good time, the privileges they once enjoyed in their now ruined temple: a temple once beautiful indeed, but with nothing now to mark the spot but a heap of mouldering and broken stones. At the conclusion of our services, two persons renewed their vows in the Rite of Confirmation.

I had here to break in upon my course of appointments, in order to attend the Consecration of Rev. Dr. Beckwith, the Bishop elect of the Diocese of Georgia, which had been appointed for the 2d day of April, in the city of Savannah. It was no small pleasure to me to meet on that occasion my Brother Bishops of North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida, and to unite with them in an act of such solemn interest to our whole Church. But it was specially gratifying to me to be thus allowed to impart the office and authority of a Bishop in the Church of Christ to one whom I had known

and loved from his earliest boyhood, and who had but recently stood among the highest and most esteemed on my list of Clergy.

Well may our Sister Diocese be thankful for having obtained the services of one so worthy and well qualified to fill the place of her departed Elliott. May God comfort his heart, and strengthen his hands for the increase and prosperity of the work that is given him to do.

In anticipation of that assemblage of Bishops and other Trustees of our University, I had called a meeting of the "Board" for the same time and place, and was truly gratified at finding so large a number in attendance. Our deliberations were not only harmonious, but ordered, as I trust, for the best interests of our great and noble enterprise.

A gentleman of undoubted piety, of profound learning and of a world-wide reputation for his labors in the cause of science, was appointed to preside over it; the Executive Committee was empowered to make such minor appointments as might be required; and it was determined that our doors should be opened for the reception of pupils on or before the first day of the coming September.

I am aware, dear Brethren, that it would be in vain to ask you in the present hour of our straitness, for any pecuniary aid in behalf of our University. But I must beg you to bear it in your hearts and memories, to pray for its advancement in all usefulness, and to lay by in store for it some portion of that returning prosperity with which I hope God may soon and abundantly bless you. If we succeed in our noble undertaking, it cannot fail to prove a source of much and long-continued blessing to our Diocese and to our whole Southern Church. If we withhold our support, and send our sons to institutions in which other principles than our own will be instilled into them, or where the truths of Religion and its holy training are considered as no part of the education of the young, you will prove no less insensible to your own interests and vows as Churchmen, than ungrateful to the memories of those who laid the foundation of this nursery of sound learning and a more sound religion. Let me beg for this child of much promise an earnest interest in your prayers, and a liberal share of your bounty when our Diocese shall have regained something like its former condition of prosperity.

Having made my next appointment for Woodville on the 8th and 9th, I hastened my return to meet that engagement. But owing to some unavoidable detentions I did not reach that place until the forenoon of the 9th, and after a hurried and fatiguing ride of twenty-eight miles. I nevertheless preached twice that day, baptized *one* adult and *one* infant at the request of the Rector, and confirmed *five* persons. I was assisted in the services by Rev. J. Charles

Adams, who has recently taken charge of the Parish, and seems likely to prove as acceptable to the congregation as was his brother who preceded him.

Saturday 11th, at 2½ in the morning, reached Natchez and spent the day in visiting.

On *Sunday, 12th, (Easter Day,)* I preached in the forenoon, baptized *four* children at the request of the Rector, confirmed *forty-seven* persons, and, assisted by the Rector, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I attended the Catechising of the children, and made a brief address. At night I preached again. It was truly gratifying to me to see such evident signs of resurrection in this venerable and once noble Parish. The two years' labor of the present Rector has already done much toward repairing the injury received under his immediate predecessor. After spending Monday and a part of the next day in visiting from house to house, I rode over to Washington, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Dana, preached at 11 o'clock, and baptized *one* infant.

Wednesday, 15th, preached at Church Hill, and confirmed *two* persons. The loss so recently sustained by this congregation in the death of their venerable and beloved Pastor, was no less visible in their countenances than in the emblems of mourning which draped their chancel. They could not but painfully feel the death of one who had affectionately and faithfully watched over them, and administered to them for eighteen years. Nor could they, under the extraordinary pressure of the times, hope, at any early day, to supply his place. I was pleased to learn that the services of a Lay-Reader whom I had recently appointed were likely to be generally acceptable and well attended.

Thursday, 16th, rode twenty-five miles to the Wade Settlement, Jefferson County, expecting to officiate the next day; but was much disappointed at finding, as it was last year, that no notice had been received of my coming.

Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th, were spent in Port Gibson. I preached, confirmed *one* person, and, assisted by Rev. Mr. Burton, administered the Holy Communion. Quite a large congregation was in attendance, notwithstanding the threatening aspect of the weather; and I was glad to find that their love and zeal for the Church was not lessened by the trials to which they had lately been subjected.

In the afternoon I passed over into the Epiphany neighborhood, intending to preach next day. But such was the heavy and continued rain that night, as to flood the whole country, and make it impossible to cross even the smaller streams. I was accordingly prevented from getting to the Church. While

thus detained, I baptized in private *three* children and *one* adult, and confirmed *one* person.

On Wednesday, 22d, I was expected in Raymond, for the consecration of the Church in that place; but was compelled by the high waters to retrace my steps to Port Gibson, in the hope of reaching Vicksburg, for my appointment next day. In this also I was painfully disappointed, as all communication was for the time cut off between that place and the river, by the unprecedented rise of the streams and the breaking up of the railroad. Before leaving Port Gibson, I baptized in private *one* infant, and confirmed *three* persons. Reached "Grand Gulf" Thursday forenoon; and by special request made an appointment to preach in a private house that evening; but was compelled, by the unexpected arrival of the packet, to leave before the appointed hour. I deeply regretted this, as several children were about to be presented for baptism, and as no religious services of *any* kind had been held in that place since the end of the late war.

Thursday, 24th, reached Vicksburg, but too late, by many hours, to fill my appointment for that day. Next evening I preached and confirmed *twenty-nine* persons. A large congregation was in attendance, notwithstanding the threatening aspect of the weather. The Church was tastefully and appropriately decorated. The music was of a plain and impressive kind; the responses of the congregation were more audible than usual; and every circumstance of the occasion gave evidence of the faithfulness and judicious zeal with which the Rector is performing his duties. The present and pressing want of that Church, is *more room* for the number of individuals and families, that are desiring to worship at her altar.

Sunday, 27th, preached at Jackson, and confirmed *nine* persons. It is very gratifying to me to see the steady growth of this congregation; under the untiring labors of its faithful Rector.

Thus ends the work which I have been enabled to do since the adjournment of our last Diocesan Council. May the God of all grace accept it, and bless it, and pardon all its short-comings for His own dear Son's sake.

The number confirmed within the year is *Three Hundred and Thirty-two*: a number very nearly, if not quite, equal to that of any previous year of my Episcopate, and almost three times as large as that of the last year. Within the same time I have bap-

tized *seventy-three* children, and *fifty-five* adults: *One Hundred and Twenty-eight*, in all.

The following-named persons have been admitted as Candidates for Orders, viz: Francis A. Shoup, (Professor in our University at Oxford), David G. Gunn, Henry Upshur M'Kinney, Joseph L. Tucker, Stephen H. Green, Duncan Savage, and George R. Upton. These, added to our former list (Arnold Hannum, Jas. P. Lytton, Charles A. Cameron, Joseph B. Lyons and A. F. Samuels) make our present number *twelve*. Two others, viz: William H. Trezevant and Edwin J. K. Lessel, were for a time on the list, but were not long after transferred to another Diocese.

The following changes have taken place in relation to the Clergy of the Diocese:

Rev. J. Charles Adams has removed from Carroll County, and taken charge of St. Paul's Church, Woodville.

Rev. Wm. H. Burton has become the Rector of Church of the Epiphany.

Rev. Wm. D. Christian is now Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

Rev. Wm. K. Douglas has removed from Raymond, and taken charge of St. John's Early Grove and St. Andrew's, Marshall County.

Rev. Duncan C. Green is ministering at Brandon, Canton and Terry.

Rev. Henry C. Harris has been transferred to the Diocese of Vermont.

Rev. Edmund P. Laughlin is ministering to the Freedmen in Warren County.

Rev. Benjamin M. Miller has passed to his reward.

Rev. Wm. H. Phillips has been transferred to the Diocese of Maryland.

Two Deacons (Rev. Wm. M. Pettis and Rev. J. Charles Adams) have been raised to the Order of Priests. One person (Duncan C. Green) has been ordained Deacon, and the number of Lay-Readers considerably increased.

Our Church (that of the "Good Shepherd," at Terry) has been consecrated. The day was appointed for the consecration of another, but as already stated, I was providentially hindered from reaching the place.

I have united *four* couples in the Bonds of Matrimony. Two Clergymen have been transferred to other Dioceses. One (Rev. Thompson B. Maury) has abandoned the Communion of the Church. One (Rev. Wm. McCallen) has been restored to the Ministry, after having voluntarily resigned it for several years. *One* other (Rev. John Foster) has come to us from the Diocese of Tennessee, and taken charge of the Church in Hernando, and parts adjacent. And one other (Rev. Benjamin M. Miller) has been called from his labors to his reward. Of this good Brother I can hardly speak too feelingly or too forcibly. To a heart naturally kind, Grace had added a yet more loving spirit. His deep and truly evangelical views of the doctrines of the Cross were beautifully illustrated in the earnestness with which he proclaimed them to others. Having late in life entered on the work of the ministry, he ever seemed, by a restless zeal, to be "redeeming the time" that he counted as lost. His piety was of that cheerful sort that springs from a loving and grateful heart, and warms and brightens all that comes within its sphere. To the purity of his character, and his faithfulness as a Pastor, other congregations besides that which he lately served, will bear ample and cheerful witness. And I feel assured, brethren, that I speak for you as well as for myself, when I say that each one of you who has again and again met with him in Council, will doubtless join with me in saying, "Very pleasant hast thou been unto me, my brother." It was a real gratification, though a mournful one to me, that I was providentially permitted to assist in the solemn rites by which his body was committed to the ground, and thus to follow, as it were, to the very gate of Death, one whom I had so much loved and approved in life.

From the grave of this revered and beloved Clerical brother,

we may well turn in like sorrow to that which, within a few days only, has closed over the remains of one of our most zealous and efficient Laymen—I mean Dr. Win. Quarles Poindexter. A sound judgment, a warm heart and a hand ever ready to help the distressed, made this brother to be justly esteemed by all who knew him. In his family he was the loving husband, the tender father, the watchful guardian, and the hospitable friend. And in the Church his example, whether within the House of God, or working for it without, was such as well became a “man of God.” There was no work or office of trust which the Church did not delight to put into his hands, knowing that it would be faithfully and cheerfully performed. The death of such a man may well make us pause, and look around to see if there is any one of like spirit to fill his place.

Casting our eyes beyond the bounds of our own Diocese, we see our whole Church sorrowing over the tomb of her late Presiding Bishop, a man in whose praise it would be difficult to say too much. To natural talents of the most varied, as well as highest order, to a singularly happy memory, and to extraordinary attainments in every department of science and art, Bishop Hopkins added a piety that none could question. Possessed of a moral courage beyond almost all other men, he battled for the truth where there were none to help him, as fearlessly as though thousands stood at his back. Truth and Right were far dearer to him than the favor of men; and with the spirit of a martyr, he would, if necessary, have staked even life itself in their defense. From an humble origin he rose by force of character, no less than by his great attainments, to the highest office which the Church of Christ can bestow. As a learned Divine and well-skilled controversialist, he had no superior. Though dead, he will yet, and for a long time, speak to coming generations through his many works. How thankful, and even proud, should we be that he was spared to rear his majestic form, and lift up his potent voice in that noble Council which seemed appointed as a fit closing scene of his labors: a

Council which quietly, I might almost say furtively, accomplished all the good that it sought to do, and will make its influence felt in the Church through the most distant ages to come.

It was not my happiness, brethren, to make one of that noble assemblage of Apostolic Bishops, but I here give to all its doings my most hearty consent, and bless God for the unanimous testimony then and there borne in behalf of Catholic Truth.

It has been my pleasure during the past year to give my assent to the consecration of several Bishops; and I rejoice to see in the Church a growing determination to increase the efficiency of the Episcopal Office, by a division and even sub-division of her larger Dioceses; thus restoring to the chief Pastor of the Church the character of a Dweller among his people, rather than that of an occasional visitor.

Of the schools of the Diocese I have but little to say, except that they are all, on account of the pressure of the times, suffering from diminished numbers. That of Rev. Mr. Lyon continues to elicit from its patrons the highest meed of praise, and to deserve the grateful acknowledgments of the Church for his services in preparing young men for her ministry.

The buildings of St. Thomas' Hall still lie in comparative ruin, its Trustees and Friends having no present ability to restore it to its former state of usefulness and beauty.

Wilson Hall is now under the direction of Rev. Mr. Douglas; and there is therefore good ground for hoping that by his scholarly attainments and his long experience as a Teacher, he will not only place it on its true foundation as a *Church School*, but make it another training nursery for the ministerial ranks.

The Schools of Rev. Mr. Phillips and Rev. Mr. Smedes, at Pass Christian, though not under the immediate influence of the Church, are yet indirectly and efficiently advancing its interests. There is much wanted a Church School for Girls in the central portion of our Diocese. Such a one was begun not long ago in a

most favorable location, but was unfortunately abandoned before its existence and its advantages were sufficiently known.

On the subject of those who were lately our slaves, I have only to say that whilst I have daily cause to witness the poverty and suffering to which their imposed freedom has already reduced them, I rejoice to learn that many of them are beginning to find their best advisers and protectors in their former Masters; and are also gradually returning to the altars of the Church. Dear Brethren, let us all, in our several capacities, do what we can to save that unhappy class from relapsing into the native barbarism and crime of the land from which their fathers came. Although the tender and affecting relationship in which they once stood to us has been rudely broken, let us still try to feel for their spiritual state, and do what we can to make them useful citizens, and to train them for a better life.

I cannot close these remarks, without once more adverting to the sympathy expressed for us, in our present day of trial, by our Church brethren of the Northern Dioceses. We have truly good cause to love them, for what they have already done, and are even now doing to lessen the needs of our Clergy. These tokens of brotherly remembrances, though inconsiderable in appearance, are so many cable cords to bind us once more together as one people. Let us meet them with outstretched hands and warm hearts, and help them to calm down that fiery Puritanic element which is threatening to disturb the Church's peace, and *ever has* disturbed it.

Brethren, I have now said all that you may desire to know about the condition of our Diocese, and of our Church at large; but I have not said to you one-half that is in my heart. After the rising and setting of two more suns, and before our present Council has adjourned, I will have completed my "three-score years and ten." Whether we shall be spared to meet again, God only knows. To His Guardian care, and to His mercy in Christ Jesus, I once more fervently commend you.

Your loving Bishop,

W. M. GREEN.

CANTON, April 30th, 1868.

On motion,

Resolved, That that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the deaths of the Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, Bishop of Vermont, and the Rev. Benj. M. Miller and Dr. William Quarles Poindexter, be referred to a committee, with instructions to report resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Convention in this regard.

The following clergymen were appointed said committee:

Rev. G. C. Harris, Rev. W. C. Crane, Rev. D. C. Green.

The Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

Morning prayer was said by Rev. H. Sansom, D.D., and Rev. E. C. Laughlin, and a sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., from II Cor., i: 4.

After Divine Service, the Convention was again called to order. The Secretary read the Parochial Reports from the following Parishes:

Christ Church.....	Vicksburg.
Trinity.....	Natchez.
Christ.....	Holly Springs.
St. Peter's.....	Oxford.
Epiphany.....	Claiborne County.
St. Paul's.....	Columbus.
St. Andrew's.....	Marshall County.
St. John's.....	Early Grove.
St. John's.....	Aberdeen.
St. Mark's.....	Raymond.
St. Paul's.....	Woodville.
St. Andrew's.....	Jackson.
Calvary.....	Holmes County.
Grace.....	Canton.
Ascension.....	Hernando.
Trinity.....	Yazoo City.
St. Alban's.....	Bovina.
Christ.....	Summit.
Church of the Savior.....	Osyka.
St. Philip's.....	Kirkwood.
St. Luke's.....	Brandon.
Church of the Good Sheperd.....	Terry.
Chapel of the Holy Communion.....	Warren County.
Albert Lyon's School.....	Chatawa.
Rev. Thos. S. Savage, M.D.....	Report.
Rev. G. C. Harris.....	Report.
Missionary Station.....	Carroll County.
Rev. F. W. Boyd.....	Report

On motion, adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was then read, and, upon motion, the same, with the accompanying accounts and vouchers, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

At the date of the last report—April 27, 1867—the Diocese was in arrears to the Bishop, for salary, in the sum of Eleven Hundred and Sixty-Nine Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$1169 47), and down to the date of the present Convention there has been paid to him, on account, the sum of Thirty-One Hundred and Seventy-One Dollars and Eight Cents.

This leaves a balance due him of \$998 39.

The Episcopal Fund now amounts to the sum of \$5,575, very little of which, however, is available—the accrued interest not having been paid, owing to the general financial depression which pervades our country.

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1867 AND 1868.

NOS.	CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	AMOUNT.
1...	Trinity	Natchez	\$670
2...	Christ	Vicksburg	670
3...	St. Andrew's	Jackson	335
4...	Christ	Church Hill	270
5...	St. Paul's	Woodville	200
6...	Trinity	Pass Christian	200
7...	Trinity	Yazoo City	165
8...	Christ	Holly Springs	135
9...	St. John's	Lake Washington	135
10...	St. Paul's	Columbus	150
11...	St. John's	Aberdeen	135
12...	St. Philip's	Kirkwood	75
13...	Grace	Canton	100
14...	St. Peter's	Oxford	100
15...	Calvary	Holmes County	100
16...	St. Luke's	Brandon	100
17...	St. James'	Port Gibson	70
18...	Church	at Macon	60
19...	Chapel of the Cross	Madison County	55
20...	St. John's	Early Grove	55
21...	St. Alban's	Bovina	55
22...	St. Mark's	Raymond	55
23...	Epiphany	Claiborne County	40
24...	St. Matthew's	Clinton	40

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1867 AND 1868.—Continued.

NOS.	CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	AMOUNT.
25...	Ascension	Hernando.	40
26...	St. Stephen's	Panola	35
27...	Grace	Carrollton	35
28...	Church of the Savior	Osyka	25
29...	Church of the Crucifixion	Yazoo County	25
30...	Church of the Redemption	Hinds County	25
31...	Church of the Mediator	Meridian	25
32...	Church	at Enterprise	25
33...	St. John's	Annadale	25
34...	Grace	Okolona	20
35...	Advent	Washington	15
36...	Church	at Lauderdale	20
37...	St. Andrew's	Marshall County	15
38...	Messiah	Noxubee	15
39...	St. Mark's	Mississippi City	15
40...	St. Luke's	Shieldsboro	15
41...	Church of the Redeemer	Biloxi	15
42...	St. Barnabas	Warrenton	15
43...	St. Paul's	Grand Gulf	10
44...	Christ	Summit	20
45...	Gethsemane	Chatawa	20

Of the foregoing assessment, there has been reported to this office and paid to the Bishop, the sum of \$2000 58, together with the amount of note of John Duncan, for \$1100 (which was paid during Convention of 1867), and \$20 interest paid in the Episcopal Fund Notes; in all \$2000 58, for which the proper vouchers are herewith submitted.

The following Parishes only have contributed to the sum before stated, to-wit:

NOS.	CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	AMOUNT.
1...	Trinity	Natchez	\$500 00
2...	Christ	Vicksburg	293 10
3...	St. Andrew's	Jackson	138 45
4...	St. Paul's	Columbus	150 00
5...	Calvary	Holmes County	100 00
6...	St. John's	Early Grove	55 00
7...	St. Mark's	Raymond	20 00
8...	St. Andrew's	Marshall County	12 00
9...	Chapel of Cross	Madison County	10 00
10...	St. Peter's	Oxford	100 00
11...	Christ	Holly Springs	135 00
12...	St. John's	Aberdeen	135 00
13...	Trinity	Pass Christian	120 00
14...	Grace	Canton	20 00
15...	Christ	Church Hill	10 00
16...	St. Luke's	Brandon	40 00
17...	St. Alban's	Bovina	41 50
18...	Trinity	Yazoo City	80 00
19...	St. Paul's	Woodville	90 53

No reports have been received at this office during the past year from the following Parishes, viz:

St. John's, Lake Washington; St. Philip's, Kirkwood; St. James', Port Gibson; Church at Macon; Epiphany, Claiborne County; St. Mark's, Clinton; Ascension, Hernando; St. Stephen's, Panola; Grace, Carrollton; Savior, Osyka; Crucifixion, Yazoo County; Redemption, Hinds; Mediator, Meridian; Church at Enterprise; St. John's, Annadale; Grace, Okolona; Advent, Washington; Church at Lauderdale; Messiah, Noxubee; St. Mark's, Mississippi City; St. Luke's, Shieldsboro; Redeemer, Biloxi; St. Barnabas, Warrenton; St. Paul's, Grand Gulf; Christ, Summit; Gethsemane, Chatawa.

EPISCOPAL FUNDS, NOTES AND INTEREST DUE MAY 1, 1867.

NAMES.	PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.	DATE.
M. W. Ewing	\$100 00	\$50 83	April 1, 1862.
Jas. D. Stewart	125 00	70 84	September 1, 1861.
W. D. Bibb	200 00	118 39	June 1, 1861.
W. B. Shields	200 00	80 00	May 1, 1863.
Jos. D. Shields	200 00	66 66	January 1, 1865.
E. J. Hinton	250 00	177 08	April 1, 1860.
W. C. Smedes	500 00	216 66	January 1, 1863.
W. Yerger	500 00	354 16	April 1, 1860.
E. M. Yerger	1,000 00	333 33	January 1, 1864.
John Duncan	1,100 00		Paid to date.
E. A. & G. R. Fall	2,500 00	237 55	February 20, 1866.
	6,675 00	1,705 50	
Interest to May 1, 1867	1,705 50		
Total	\$8,380 50		

EPISCOPAL FUNDS, NOTES AND INTEREST, DUE MAY 1, 1868.

NAMES.	PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.	DATE.
M. W. Ewing	\$100 00	\$60 83	April 1, 1862.
J. D. Stewart	125 00	83 34	September 1, 1861.
W. D. Bibb	200 00	138 39	June 1, 1861.
J. D. Shields	200 00	66 66	January 1, 1866.
W. Yerger	500 00	404 16	April 1, 1860.
W. B. Shields	200 00	100 00	May 1, 1863.
E. J. Hinton	250 00	202 08	April 1, 1860.
W. C. Smedes	500 00	266 66	January 1, 1863.
E. M. Yerger	1,000 00	433 33	January 1, 1864.
E. A. & G. R. Fall	2,500 00	437 55	February 20, 1866.
	5,575 00	2,193 00	
Interest to May 1, 1868	2,193 00		
Total	\$7,768 00		

The only payments made the past year on these notes have been the note of John Duncan for \$1100, and interest for one year on the note of Jos. D. Shields, amounting to \$20.

Owing to the present state of the country, but little of the above fund can be collected; as the times grow better, it is to be hoped that it can be made available.

Annexed is an exhibit of the Treasurer's cash account, showing Receipts and Disbursements for the year to this day:

JOHN A. KLEIN, Treasurer of Diocese, in account with EPISCOPAL FUND and BISHOP'S SALARY.

1867.		DEBIT.	
April 27.	To John Duncan's note, paid during Convention.	\$1,100	00
May 4.	To Offerings St. Paul's Church, Woodville.	50	65
May 9.	To Assessment St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County.	12	00
May 13.	To Donation Rev. W. A. Fiske, Cincinnati, Ohio, to the poor in Mississippi.	100	00
July 13.	To J. A. Klein, advanced to Bishop.	500	00
Oct. 14.	To Assessment St. Paul's Church, Columbus.	27	00
Oct. 15.	To J. A. Klein, advanced to Bishop Green.	250	00
Nov. 1.	To Assessment St. Paul's Church, Columbus.	30	00
Nov. 7.	To Assessment St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.	45	25
1868.			
Jan. 1.	To Christ Church, Vicksburg assessment.	117	00
Jan. 12.	To St. Mark's, Raymond.	20	00
Jan. 18.	To Trinity Church, Natchez.	50	00
Feb. 23.	To Calvary " Holmes Co., "	25	00
	To " " " "	50	00
March 6.	To St. John's, Early Grove.	55	00
April 16.	To Trinity Church, Natchez.	450	00
April 24.	To Christ " Vicksburg.	156	10
April 27.	To Interest on note of J. D. Shields, for year 1865.	20	00
April 29.	To Amount of Christ Church, Vicksburg.	20	00
	" Chapel of Cross, Madison County.	10	00
	" St. Andrew's, Jackson.	33	20
	" St. Peter's Church, Oxford.	35	00
	" Christ " Holly Springs.	135	00
	" St. John's " Aberdeen.	35	00
	" Trinity " Pass Christian.	120	00
	" Grace " Canton.	20	00
	" Christ " Church Hill.	10	00
	" St. Paul's " Columbus.	20	00
	" St. Luke's " Brandon.	40	00
	" Calvary " Holmes County.	25	00
	" St. Peter's " Oxford.	65	00
	" St. John's " Aberdeen.	100	00
	" St. Paul's " Columbus.	73	00
	" Trinity " Yazoo City.	80	00
	" St. Alban's " Bovina.	11	50
	" St. Paul's " Woodville.	90	53
Total.		\$4,071	23

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

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1867.		CREDIT.	
April 29.	By amount loaned Bishop Green, per order of Convention.	\$1,000	00
July 3.	By amount advanced by J. A. Klein.	500	00
Aug. 12.	By Offerings St. Paul's Church, Woodville, sent to Bishop	50	65
Aug. 19.	By Donations from Cincinnati, Ohio, and paid Dr. Sansom, per order of Bishop.	100	00
Oct. 15.	By amount advanced to Bishop by J. A. Klein.	250	00
Nov. 1.	By amount paid Bishop by St. Paul's Church, Columbus	30	00
1868.			
Jan. 1.	By amount to Bishop, on account of assessment on Christ Church, Vicksburg.	117	00
Feb. 23.	By amount to Bishop, by B. Halstead, on account of Calvary Church, Holmes County.	50	00
March 6.	By Bishop, received of W. M. Pettis, St. John's, Early Grove.	55	00
April 16.	By amount to Bishop, by Trinity Church, Natchez.	50	00
April 24.	By " " Christ Church, Vicksburg.	156	10
	By amount paid J. A. Klein, borrowed of him to advance to Bishop.	750	00
	By amount paid Bishop, as per receipt.	538	20
	" " " "	20	00
	" " " "	16	00
	" " " "	28	50
	" " " "	57	00
	" " " "	269	25
	" " " "	33	53
Total.		\$4,071	23

In addition to the foregoing account, the Treasurer has to report the sum of \$38 received from St. James Parish, Port Gibson, and paid to the Bishop as per receipt of this date.

There are forty-five Parishes on the Roll of this Diocese, which are assessed at \$4,425. Of these Parishes, six only have paid in full, the amount of \$675; thirteen have paid, in part, the sum of \$1,375 58, making \$2,050 58; leaving a balance of \$2,374 42 due and unpaid on the assessment for the Bishop's salary for 1867-8.

Due Bishop Green, prior to this year.	\$1,169	47
" " for 1867-8.	3,000	00
	\$4,169	47
Paid at sundry times, as before stated.	3,171	08
	998	39
Deduct amount received from Port Gibson.	38	00
Balance now due.	\$960	39

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. KLEIN,

Treasurer of the Diocese of Mississippi.

CANTON, Mississippi, April 30, 1868.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business can find but one thing to refer to the action of the Convention, and that is, the Report of the Committee appointed at the last Convention on Contributions for the Episcopal residence.

Respectfully submitted.

E. C. LAUGHLIN.

J. P. LYTTON.

The Convention, on motion, proceeded to designate the time and place for holding the next Annual Convention, whereupon it was resolved that the same be held in St. Peter's Church, Oxford, on the last Wednesday in April, A. D. 1869.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.



GRACE CHURCH, CANTON.

FRIDAY, May 1, 1868.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop, and opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Credentials of Lay Delegates were presented from St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, and referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported the election of the Hon. W. M. McWillie, and Mr. Wm. McWillie; and they, having answered to their names, took seats in the Convention.

On motion, the name of T. E. B. Pegues was added to the committee for obtaining contributions for the erection of the Episcopal Residence, in the place of Doctor W. Q. Poindexter, deceased.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, through their Chairman, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully reports to the Convention the following summary of its proceedings for the last Conventional year:

June 21, 1867.—Signed the Canonical Testimonial consenting to the consecration of the Rev. J. Freeman Young, D.D., as Bishop of Florida, and the Rev. Francis M. Whittle as Assistant Bishop of Virginia.

November 2.—Signed testimonial recommending Rev. John Charles Adams, M.D., Deacon, for Priest's Orders.

December 8.—Signed testimonial recommending Duncan Cameron Green for Deacon's Orders.

December 9.—Signed testimonial consenting to the consecration of the Rev. John W. Beckwith, D.D., as Bishop of Georgia. Also the canonical testimonials recommending Francis A. Shoup, Henry Upsler McKimney, and Joseph Louis Tucker to be received as candidates for Holy Orders.—Professor Shoup's candidacy to commence November 1, 1867.

February 5, 1868.—Signed the canonical consent to the restoration to the ministry of W. McCaden, M.D. Prepared a circular letter, urging the prompt payment of the Bishop's salary. Dr. Poindexter having resigned his place on the committee, it was filled by the election of J. A. Kausler.

The President was instructed to apply to the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions for an appropriation in aid of the support of the Bishop during the present impoverished condition of the Diocese.

March 16.—Signed testimonials recommending Joseph Booth Lyons and Alexander Felix Samuels, M.D., to be admitted to Deacons' Orders. Also the required testimonial consenting to the consecration of the Rev. Benjamin F. Paddock, D.D., as Missionary Bishop of Oregon and Washington.

March 24.—Signed testimonial consenting to the consecration of the Rev. W. H. A. Bissell, D.D., as Bishop of Vermont.

April 30.—Signed the canonical testimonials recommending A. Duncan Savage, Stephen Herbert Green, and George Randolph Upton, to be admitted as candidates for Holy Orders.

W. C. CRANE.

President of the Committee.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Report, which was read, with the accompanying resolutions, and by vote adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was referred, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, with the accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct.

In accordance with a resolution of the Convention, directing the committee to fix on some certain and uniform basis for the assessment on the various Parishes, for Bishop's salary, and for contingent expenses, the committee recommend that the number of communicants be taken as the basis.

Upon this basis, the following is recommended as the assessment for Bishop's salary, and contingent expenses, for the year ending April 25th, 1869, which is at the rate of Two Dollars and a-half (\$2 50) for each communicant for Bishop's salary, and about Twelve and a-half (12½) per cent. on these amounts for contingent expenses.

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1868.

Number.	Names.	Location.	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent.
1.	Trinity Church.....	Natchez.....	\$350	\$45
2.	Christ	Vicksburg.....	375	50
3.	St. Andrew's Church.....	Jackson.....	265	35
4.	Christ	Holly Springs.....	195	25
5.	St. Paul's	Columbus.....	170	20
6.	St. Paul's	Woodville.....	170	20
7.	Christ	Church Hill.....	125	15
8.	Grace	Canton.....	130	15
9.	St. John's	Aberdeen.....	110	15
10.	St. Peter's	Oxford.....	100	12
11.	Trinity	Pass Christian.....	100	12
12.	Trinity	Yazoo City.....	100	12
13.	St. Luke's	Brandon.....	95	12
14.	Calvary	Holmes County.....	70	10
15.	Christ	Summit.....	85	12
16.	Ascension	Hernando.....	60	8
17.	Church of the Nativity.....	Macon.....	70	10
18.	St. James' and St. Paul's.....	Port Gibson and Grand Gulf.....	50	8
19.	St. Alban's Church.....	Bovina.....	50	8
20.	St. Mark's	Raymond.....	50	8
21.	Epiphany	Claiborne County.....	40	5
22.	Church of the Mediator.....	Meridian.....	40	5
23.	Church	Enterprise.....	40	5
24.	Church of the Messiah.....	Sugulah.....	40	5
25.	Church of the Good Shepherd.....	Terry.....	35	5
26.	St. John's Church.....	Lake Washington.....	35	5
27.	St. Andrew's	Marshall County.....	30	3
28.	St. John's	Early Grove.....	30	5
29.	Chap. I of the Cross.....	Madison County.....	30	5
30.	Church of the Savior.....	Osyka.....	30	5

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1868.—Continued.

Number	Names.	Location.	Bishop's Salary.	Contri- bution.
31..	Gethsemane Chapel.....	Chatawa.....	35	5
32..	Grace Church.....	Carrollton.....	25	5
33..	St. Stephen's Church.....	Panola.....	25	5
34..	St. Matthew's ..	Clinton.....	25	5
35..	St. Jude's ..	Corinth.....	25	5
36..	Grace ..	Okolona.....	20	3
37..	Chapel of the Holy Communion	Warren County.....	20	3
38..	Church of the Advent.....	Washington.....	12	2
39..	St. Mark's Church.....	Mississippi City.....	12	2
40..	St. Luke's ..	Shieldsboro.....	5	
41..	Dekalb, Lauderdale, Forrest, Morton, Lake Wabala, Quit- man, State Line and Garlands- ville (Missionary Stations).....		80	10
42..	St. Philip's Church.....	Kirkwood.....	25	5

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That there shall be had in each Parish, on the fourth Sundays in January, April, July and October in every year, or on the succeeding Sunday thereafter on which service may be held, a collection, for the purpose of raising the amount assessed on such Parish, for the Bishop's salary, and that the Treasurer of each Parish shall forthwith remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese the sums so collected.

2. *Resolved*, That all collections on account of the Bishop's salary shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, to be by him paid to the Bishop.

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be furnished by the Secretary of the Convention to each Rector, or to the Senior Warden of each Parish, with directions to have them read to their congregations on the Sunday preceding the day fixed for the collection.

4. *Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese be requested to furnish the Treasurer of the Diocese with the name of the Senior Warden, or Treasurer, or some other of the leading members of each Parish in the Diocese, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to notify such person, quarterly, of the amount due by his or her Parish, and to urge the prompt collection and forwarding of the same.

THO. E. B. PEGUES, Chairman.

On motion,

Resolved, That a statement of the arrearages of each Parish be appended to the present assessment roll.

The Convention took a recess until after Divine Service.

Morning Prayer was read by Rev. C. B. Dana, D.D., and Rev. D. C. Green, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Albert Lyon from Proverbs xxvii. 1.

After Service the Convention re-assembled.

The following amendment to the Rules of Order was proposed and adopted:

Resolved, That the first Rule of Order be amended as follows: Strike out all after the word "opened," in the first line, and insert "on the first day with full service, including Convention Sermon, (the Preacher of which shall be appointed by the Bishop at the preceding Convention,) and the celebration of the Holy Communion; and on each succeeding day with Morning Prayer."

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year, when, upon counting the ballots, the Rev. W. C. Crane, Rev. Henry Sanson, D.D., Rev. James A. Fox, Dr. W. T. Balfour, and Mr. J. A. Kausler, were declared duly elected.

The ballot being dispensed with by unanimous consent, the following gentlemen were nominated and elected

TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND:

Col. John Duncan,

Hon. Wm. Yerger,

Mr. John A. Klein.

The following were nominated and elected

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

Rev. W. C. Crane,

Dr. W. T. Balfour.

The following were nominated and elected

MEMBERS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT:

Rev. G. C. Harris,

Rev. W. C. Crane,

Rev. J. T. Pickett,

Rev. C. B. Dana, D.D.,

Rev. Henry Sanson, D.D.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot, and the following were elected

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION :

OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. J. T. Pickett,
Rev. W. C. Crane,
Rev. H. Sansom, D.D.,
Rev. C. B. Dana, D.D.

OF THE LAITY.

Col. John Duncan,
Dr. W. T. Baifour,
Col. T. E. B. Pegues,
Gen. Claudius W. Sears.

ALTERNATES.

Rev. A. W. Clarke,
Rev. Benj. Halstead,
Rev. W. M. Pettis,
Rev. G. C. Harris.

Mr. Richard Evans,
Mr. J. D. Shields,
Mr. T. V. Noland,
Hon. W. M. McWillie.

The following were nominated and elected

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH:

Rev. W. C. Crane, John Duncan,
T. E. B. Pegues.

Mr. W. H. H. Green was elected Treasurer of the University of the South.

The Committee on New Parishes reported as follows:

The Committee on New Parishes, to whom was referred the subject of the expediency of retaining certain parishes in union with the Convention of the Diocese, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and respectfully recommend that the following named parishes be dropped from the list of parishes in union with the Convention, viz: Church of the Crucifixion, Yazoo County; Church of the Redemption, Hinds County; St. John's, Annadale; Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi; St. Barnabas, Warrenton.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM D. CHRISTIAN,

CHARLES C. SHACKLEFORD,

Committee.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee, to which was referred the subject of Diocesan Schools, respectfully report:

With the exception of the interest which this Diocese, in common with its

sister Southern Dioceses, has in the University of the South, there is at present no institution of learning under the supervision or subject to the control of this Council.

The pecuniary vicissitudes of the past year have had their depressing effect upon educational enterprises, as upon all others, not only by greatly lessening the ability of the community to pay the expenses of tuition, but driving a large class of persons to undertake teaching as their only resource for daily living. In this struggle the professional teacher, with his expensive arrangements, goes to the wall. For this reason, were there no other, your committee deem it improper, at this time, for the Council to assume any responsibility in starting Diocesan Schools.

Your committee deem it within their province earnestly to counsel their brethren of the laity to educate their children within the Diocese rather than abroad—in church schools rather than in those of any other name or of no name, no matter what their apparent advantage. One great evil of the times is the wide diffusion of a shallow and Godless information, miscalled knowledge. To set up ourselves against this, to attempt to beat back the spirit of the age, which, like some great wave of the sea, must, for its own brief period, roll on irresistible, to be overwhelmed in its time by the spirit of the coming age, probably equally false and destructive of right, would be worse than useless. We can only deal with this spirit as with the great powers of nature by controlling it for good. To eat of the Tree of Knowledge without at the same time partaking of the Tree of Life, is to re-enact the scene of the Fall, and to bring in fresh burdens of sin, sorrow and spiritual death. Hence education has, through all dispensations, been the duty and the prerogative of the priesthood. The schools of the Prophets kept alive the knowledge of the living God in the dark days of the Captivity and the darker days of idolatry. In later times the priesthood have been, in periods of rude and savage violence, the sole educators of Christendom. The oldest and most successful universities were first founded to supply a felt necessity for religious instruction.

Your committee therefore are happy to be able to report that the subject of Christian education has not been wholly neglected, and a number of the clergy are more or less engaged in this important task. It is to be regretted that reports have not been received sufficient to place this in a statistical form.

The Rev. Wm. D. Christian maintains a parochial school, in which daily Morning Prayer is duly said.

The school of the Misses Wilson, at Washington, Adams County, deserves mention. The faithful and thorough labors of truly zealous church ladies

have attained results far more to be desired than the glittering and frivolous accomplishments of more pretentious institutions.

The pride and glory of our Diocese is Albert Lyon's school, at Chatawa, on the line of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad. The ample report of its Rector, together with the richly merited commendations of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, leaves no space for anything to be said on the subject of its general merit. One suggestion, however, is proper. There are at this school four Candidates for Orders from this and two from a neighboring Diocese. Something should be done towards defraying the expenses of these. It may well be questioned whether, in these trying times, the Church should accept from an individual such an amount as the support of these candidates without making every reasonable exertion to discharge the debt. Very large contributions are made in more prosperous Dioceses for "the Increase of the Ministry;" and though it be little that we can do, still, in justice, that little should be done. It becomes, then, the duty of the clergy and laity to rally with fraternal fidelity around an institution which gives confident promise of so much usefulness to the Church.

Wilson Hall has recently come under the care of a member of this committee whose daily prayer to God is, that this institution may become that means of blessing which was hoped by its pious founders, now in Paradise.

The Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs, *ex officio* Rector of St. Thomas Hall, reports that institution to have opened its session with forty pupils, under three teachers, but that the occupation of the buildings by the military caused an interruption in its exercises and the reduction of the number of pupils. It is now under the charge of a clergyman of the English Church, but will, in September next, be reopened under the immediate supervision of the Rector, with increased facilities for usefulness.

No reports have been received from the institutions at Pass Christian, but these are believed to be in as prosperous condition as the general embarrassed circumstances of the country admit.

Respectfully,

WM. K. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church thankfully report that in the midst of the deep financial depression which pervades the whole Diocese, our Great Head has not left us without the most gratifying and encouraging tokens

of His presence and blessing in regard to those things which are of supreme importance—the ingathering of souls into His mystical Body, and the extension of His Spiritual Kingdom without our borders. In our established Parishes—as appears from the Bishop's Journal—a larger number have been confirmed than during any previous year, and everywhere there is an earnest desire manifested for the Church's services. The opposition, misrepresentation and prejudice which have hitherto been so rife in regard to our branch of the Holy Catholic Church, seem, to a great extent, to have given way; and even where it is not embraced, it is better understood and more highly respected. Indeed, the contrast in this respect which the present affords to that period which preceded the late war, is remarkable. To some extent it is manifestly attributable to the devotion of our clergy to the soldiery of the country when their days were dark and their friends were few; and to the opportunities which were afforded of bringing into prominent view some of those rare and noble *characters* which were formed in the Church. The fact, also, that our unity has been preserved intact throughout the frightful convulsions of the times, has tended to demonstrate that ours is a Kingdom which is not of this world, which not only promises but really affords rest and peace to those who are weary of the world's strifes and disturbances.

Whatever may be the cause, a wide door is open to us, and we are called to redoubled and more hopeful efforts for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. We would suggest that our clergy extend their labors beyond the bounds of their parochial fields, even if in doing so they are occasionally called away from the flocks which they have already gathered into the true Fold. We would also recommend the revival of the system of convocations, not through any legislation of this body, but through the co-operation with each other of those of our clergy who may find it most convenient to act in concert. We advise also the union of associated missionary effort, with the training of candidates for the sacred ministry, as at once the most economical and effective mode of extending the Church. A combined mission-house and training-school is our great want: in other words a Narthex of our own. We must stir ourselves and one another up. We must be content, if need be, to live in the very plainest way, and even—after the example of St. Paul—to labor with our own hands, if only we can win souls to Christ, and extend His peaceful and blessed Kingdom throughout a region which Satan, through passion and wrong and violence, seems to be claiming for his own.

In concluding this necessarily hurried report, we desire to express the sincere gratification which we feel, in common with our whole Diocese, in the degree of health which has been restored to our beloved Bishop, and the hope

and prayer that he may long be spared to bless and cherish, as he has done, through so many years of loving and self-denying devotion, the flock of which the Holy Ghost has made him overseer.

WM. C. CRANE, Chairman.

The special committee appointed to revise the form of Parochial Reports, presented the form* to be used hereafter in making out said Reports, which was adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to have five hundred copies of these forms struck off, and distributed among the different Parishes.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons offered the following report:

Whereas, the word "Convention" is commonly applied to every form of political and secular assemblage, and is suggestive of such gatherings; and

Whereas, the term "Council" has been constantly used of ecclesiastical assemblages; therefore.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Church in the Diocese of Mississippi be amended by striking out the word "Convention" in Article II, and wherever else it occurs in said Constitution, and inserting the word "Council."

Resolved, That the Canons of the Diocese be amended by striking out the word "Convention" wherever it occurs, except where it refers to the General Convention of the Church in the United States, and inserting the word "Council."

Resolved, That the Rules of Order of this Convention be so amended as to conform to the above.

These resolutions being put to vote, were passed, and lie over to the next Convention for final adoption.

The committee also offered the following resolution on the qualifications of Lay Delegates:

Resolved, That the second paragraph of Article III be amended by striking out the phrase "stated worshiper," and inserting in place thereof the word "communicant."

There being a tie vote on this resolution, it failed to pass—the Bishop voting in the negative.

* See New Form, at the end of Parochial Reports.

The special committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Convention in reference to the decease of Rt. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, late Presiding Bishop of the Church in the United States, the Rev. Benj. M. Miller, Presbyter of this Diocese, and Dr. William Quarles Poindexter, offered the following:

**ON THE DEATHS OF BISHOP HOPKINS, REV. B. M. MILLER,
AND DR. POINDEXTER.**

Whereas, it has pleased God in His Providence to remove from their respective posts of duty in the church militant the Rt. Rev. John H. Hopkins Presiding Bishop of the American Church, and the Rev. Benj. M. Miller, Rector of Christ Church, Church Hill, and also Dr. Wm. Quarles Poindexter, a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese; therefore

Resolved, That this Convention desires to place upon record its high appreciation of the life, character and services of each of these faithful Christian men.

That in the death of Bishop Hopkins not only the Diocese of that venerable Prelate, but also the entire Church in the United States, has sustained a loss which He only can repair whose Providence created it. His vigorous and powerful intellect, sanctified by devotion to God, was, by his untiring energy, made effective to the welfare of the whole Church Catholic. His comprehensive sympathy enabled him, during the late war, to embrace constantly and heartily in his affections and prayers those brethren who were separated from him by the circumstances of the times, and who were despised and calumniated by others. The faithful Bishop, the accomplished presiding officer, the earnest preacher, the learned doctor, the scientific scholar, the tender, loving father of his children in the Church, has gone to his rest in the bosom of his God.

Resolved, That in the death of the Rev. Mr. Miller the Church on earth has given up to the Church triumphant a well-tried and veteran soldier. He was for eighteen years Rector of the Parish which he held at the time of his death. Entering the ministry late in life, he consecrated the whole of its remainder to the active duties of his office. His amiable and blameless life endeared him to all who knew him, while his faithfulness to the Church, his self-sacrificing zeal, exemplified always, but especially during the late war, will be rewarded hereafter as it is acknowledged here. A life rich in the fruits of holiness has been offered up to God.

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. William Quarles Poindexter, we do mourn with his bereaved family over a common loss—in the departure from our midst of one who was the truest of friends, the kindest of benefactors and the noblest of men—in the absence from our civil councils of a wise and judicious advocate, who, as legislator and citizen, ever raised his voice to defend the just and right from friend and foe—in the absence from the councils of the Church of a brother to whose untiring zeal, earnest devotion and able and powerful efforts in the cause of Christ and His Church, his Diocese and Parish entrusted the highest offices of a layman, well assured that they would be well and faithfully administered.

Resolved, That while we deplore the loss to the Church and country of these three venerable and eminent men, we recognize the hand of God in their removal, and thankful for their good examples, will ever hold them in grateful and affectionate remembrance.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Vermont, and also to the families of the late Mr. Miller and Dr. Poindexter.

GEO. C. HARRIS, Chairman.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were passed, instructing delegates to the next General Convention:

Whereas, It is manifest from the frequent declarations and the impaired health of many Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, that the amount of toil and labor, travel and fatigue, arising from the extent and largeness of their Dioceses, is much greater than can be well endured in the proper and faithful discharge of their holy office; and it is also manifest that the exigencies of the times require frequent, prompt and protracted visitations among the churches already organized, and that, if parishes are to be rapidly and permanently established, in places now destitute of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, the Bishops, after the custom of the Apostles, of whom they are the successors, must go as leaders and advisers of their presbyters, that the Church may be felt in her strength and power, and seen in the beauty of her holiness; therefore

Resolved, That the Lay and Clerical Delegates of the Diocese of Mississippi to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church which is to convene at New York on the first Wednesday in October next, are hereby earnestly requested, if any opportunity whatever affords, to use their power and influence to reduce the geographical boundaries of the Dioceses, and thereby increase their number; that the Anglo-American Church may be rendered more efficient

in the great work which she has to accomplish, and approximate more closely to the form and usages of the Church Catholic in her primitive and purer days.

On motion,

Resolved, That we have received with peculiar pleasure the proffer of the use of their respective houses of worship of the Methodist and Presbyterian Pastors in this town, and while we return to them our cordial thanks, it will be, in consequence of our approaching adjournment, out of our power to avail ourselves of their Christian courtesy.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are tendered to the citizens of Canton for their hospitable attentions to the Clergy and Lay Delegates.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until after Divine Service in the evening.

At 8 o'clock Evening Service was celebrated, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Henry Sansom, on the subject of Baptism: after which the Holy Sacrament of Baptism was administered to three adults.

The Convention came to order, after service, at the call of the Bishop.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be continued, with discretionary power, until the meeting of the next Annual Convention, to act as a whole or through their Chairman.

STATEMENT OF THE PRESENT TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

Received at the Convention held in Christ Church, Vicksburg, April, 1867, from the following Parishes, the sums annexed, assessed upon them for contingent expenses for the conventional year ending April 25th, 1867:

Trinity Church, Natchez	\$50 00
Rev. Mr. Hewitt, for Summit and Osyka.....	10 00
St. Paul's, Columbus.....	15 00
Calvary, Holmes County, for 1865—6.....	20 00
St. Peter's, Oxford	10 00
Grace Church, Canton	10 00

Amount carried forward.....\$115 00

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Amount brought forward.....	\$115 00
Gethsemane Chapel, Chatawa.....	5 00
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee County.....	10 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs.....	15 00
Trinity, Pass Christian.....	15 00
Rev. Edward Fontaine, former Treasurer.....	100 00
Subsequently	
July 7th, St. Paul's, Woodville.....	20 00
July 9th, from Bishop Green.....	10 00
July 31st, Christ Church, Vicksburg, draft favor of Power and Jones.....	60 00
September 18, St. Luke's, Brandon.....	10 00
September 18, Church of the Nativity, Macon.....	10 00
December 12, Christ Church, Church Hill.....	20 00
Total.....	\$390 00

PER CONTRA.

Paid for printing Journals.....	\$375 00
Incidental expenses.....	6 75—\$381 75
Balance on hand.....	8 25

Received at Convention, Canton, April, 1868:

St. Peter's, Oxford.....	\$10 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs.....	15 00
Trinity, Natchez.....	50 00
Gethsemane Chapel, Chatawa.....	5 00
Epiphany, Claiborne County.....	5 00
St. Mark's, Raymond.....	5 00
St. Andrew's, Marshall County.....	5 00
St. John's, Early Grove.....	5 00
St. Paul's, Columbus.....	20 00
St. Alban's, Bovina.....	5 00
Total.....	\$125 00
Of last year's assessment, not expended.....	8 25

Amount in Treasurer's hand for printing the Journal for 1868. \$133 25

It is matter of regret that the Parishes are so very dilatory in forwarding the amounts due upon the Contingent Fund.

The following Parishes have failed to pay the assessment for contingent expenses for the year ending April 29th, 1868:

Christ Church, Vicksburg.....	\$50
St. Andrew's, Jackson.....	30
Christ Church, Church Hill.....	20
St. Paul's, Woodville.....	20
Trinity, Pass Christian.....	20
Trinity, Yazoo City.....	20
St. John's, Lake Washington.....	15
St. John's, Aberdeen.....	10
St. Philip's, Kirkwood.....	10
Grace, Canton.....	10
Calvary, Holmes County.....	10
St. Luke's, Brandon.....	10

Amount carried forward.....\$225

Amount brought forward.....	\$225
St. James', Port Gibson.....	10
Church of the Nativity, Macon.....	10
Chapel of the Cross, Madison County.....	5
St. Matthew's, Clinton.....	5
Ascension, Hernando.....	5
St. Stephen's, Panola.....	5
Grace Church, Carrollton.....	5
Church of the Savior, Osyka.....	5
Church of the Mediator, Meridian.....	5
Grace Church, Okolona.....	5
Church of the Advent, Washington.....	5
Church of the Messiah, Noxubee County.....	5
St. Mark's, Mississippi City.....	5
St. Luke's, Shieldsboro.....	5
Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi.....	5
St. Paul's, Grand Gulf.....	5
Christ Church, Summit.....	5
Total.....	\$320

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. PICKETT, Treasurer.

The amount of the assessments for the support of the Episcopate should be remitted to Mr. John A. Klein, Treasurer of the Diocese, at Vicksburg, as follows: One-fourth thereof on the first days of July, October, January and April, respectively.

The amount of assessments made for contingent expenses should be remitted to the Rev. J. T. Pickett, Secretary, at Columbus, one month before the assembling of the next Convention.

The amount of arrearages now outstanding and due to either fund should be remitted, without delay, to one or the other of the above-named officers, as the case may be.

There being no further business, the minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Convention then, on motion, resolved to adjourn; whereupon, after singing a hymn, and prayer, and the blessing of Peace, the Bishop pronounced the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM MERCER GREEN,

President of the Convention.

Attest:

J. T. PICKETT, Secretary.

W. M. PETTIS, Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ABERDEEN.

REV. A. W. CLARKE, RECTOR.

The Rector of St. John's Church, Aberdeen, Monroe County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Number of families, 33.

Baptisms—White adults, 8; white infants, 4; total, 12.

Confirmations—White, 9.

Communicants—Former number, white, 44; added, 15; died, 1; removed, 14; present number, 44.

Marriages—Whites, 5; colored, 1; total, 6.

Funerals, 3.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40; total, 46.

Offertory (weekly since Advent), \$40 05; Communion Alms, \$52; Communion Alms, special at Easter, \$51; for Bishop's salary, (with Easter offering,) \$135. Total contributions, \$278 05.

A. W. CLARKE.

ABERDEEN, Miss., April 29, 1868.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BRANDON.

DUNCAN C. GREEN, (DEACON,) MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

The Missionary in charge of St. Luke's Church, Brandon, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Number of families, 15.

Baptisms—Adults, 5; children, 8; total, 13.

Confirmations, 15.

Communicants, last report, 35; added, 15; died, 1; removed, 12; present number, 37.

Funerals, 2.

Sunday School Teachers, 9; Scholars, 51; total, 60.

Contributions to Bishop's Salary, \$86 15.

DUNCAN C. GREEN.

ALBERT LYON'S SCHOOL, CHATAWA.

REV. ALBERT LYONS, RECTOR.

The undersigned, in presenting a report to the Bishop of the Diocese, would state that his school is his Parish, and his boys his Parishioners, and that his undivided energies are given toward making the school firmly established and successful in all its designs.

The record of the labors of a year cannot be told in figures from the Parish Register; but it is believed that the young boys around him, who will play conspicuous parts in life, are trained to habits of industry, Christian politeness and devotion to the Church—that the members of the church among them are made to realize their obligations and privileges, and that those who are not members are taught to respect the Church. There is no effort or desire to proselyte them, but all are made to know that education without religion is far from being a blessing, and that there is something in life to learn more than is contained in the text books. Their deportment, conversation, letters, essays and interest in religious exercises are such as to justify any one in believing that Our Father which art in Heaven has His name hallowed among them.

The year has not been without its trials to the school, in common with every institution in the land, and though little has been added to its finances as the result of a year's labors, yet its resources have

been such that it has weathered the storm, and the scholastic year will soon close, with a pretty full development of its plan of improvements, creating a well-organized village upon the school grounds. A dining hall in a more favorable location has been erected; a residence nicely furnished for a portion of the family; a library, or reading-room, and seven other buildings, mostly two-room cottages for the students; making altogether sixty rooms used by the institution for its purposes. Besides the buildings which were put up at a cost of many thousand dollars, and which have come into the possession of the school by purchase and by lease, there has been expended for buildings since the last report to you somewhat over \$8000. The scholastic year closed in July last, with the names of eighty-two matriculates upon its Register. The gross receipts of the year were \$29,728 50, with \$1400 uncollected—together \$31,128 50.

Here, whilst reporting the extent of the success with which it has pleased God to bless my labors, I wish to acknowledge my gratitude to Him for sparing my mother to help me in all that has been done. Few may know what a child the man is who has a mother like mine to lean on. I confess that without her assistance "Albert Lyon's School" would never have been what it is.

I am pardonable in these public expressions by the respect which the Church at large has always extended to her, and their appreciation of her services.

Our Parish organization, consisting of a vestry of boys, continues to be an interesting feature in the school. We have lately had donated to the Bishop, in trust for the Parish, three acres of very pretty land for a church-yard and a burying-ground. We are full of hope of erecting our chapel at no very distant day, and then we shall be happier.

Short services are held in the Parish daily, morning and evening, and full service on every Sabbath morning, to which the students are required to attend. Besides these, we have early matin service on Wednesdays and Fridays, and vespers on Sundays, in which

the Lay Readers of the Parish, together with other Candidates for Orders, officiate in rotation. These are voluntary services.

I desire most earnestly to call the attention of the Church to the assistance which I need in the work of aiding in the increase of the Ministry. Already there are six Candidates for Orders in this Parish, two of them from Louisiana—a number almost as great, perhaps, as in all the other Parishes of either Diocese. And we need, and think we deserve, recognition, encouragement, and active assistance from abroad.

It is believed that the school, in its scholastic standing, its discipline, character of studies, religious exercises, retired location and general surroundings, possesses much that would recommend it as a training school for the Ministry. But to accomplish its purposes, active and extensive assistance must be given to the Rector—first, to aid him in erecting a Chapel near the school grounds; also, in providing a Parish Library, especially for Candidates for Orders; and next, to defray part of the expenses of students preparing for the Ministry.

The Parish has presented, this year, the names of Stephen Herbert Green and George Randolph Upton as Candidates for Orders.

The accompanying report is an abstract from the Register of our Parish, recognized as

GETHSEMANE CHAPEL.

Number of families, 2.

Baptisms—White adults, 2; colored adult, 1; total, 3.

Confirmations—White, 2; colored, 1; total, 3.

Communicants—Former number, white, 13; added, 17; removed, 16; present number, white, 13; colored, 1; total, 14.

Funerals, 4.

Sunday School Teachers, 3; Scholars, 20; total, 23.

Lay Readers, 2. Candidates for Orders, 6.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$8 50; Bishop's Salary, \$15;

contributions for Chapel, \$91 25; value of land donated, \$90; other purposes, \$5; total contributions, \$209 75.

Respectfully submitted.

ALBERT LYON.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, CLAIBORNE COUNTY.

REV. W. H. BURTON, RECTOR.

The Rector of Epiphany Church, Claiborne County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Number of families, 17.

Baptisms—White adults, 3; children, 8; total, 11.

Confirmations—White, 1.

Communicants—Former number, white, 16; added, 7; removed, 1; present number, 22.

Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals, 2.

Contributions—For Diocesan Missions, —; for Domestic Missions, \$1 50; for Foreign Missions, —; for Bishop's salary, \$40; for contingent expenses of Diocesan Convention, \$5; for repairs on Rectory and premises, \$100; total contributions, \$146 50.

In connection with the above, it must be added that the "former number of communicants" designates only the actual communicants. There are others on the list found in the Record of the Parish. It will be seen, also, that the contributions to Diocesan and Foreign Missions are blank; this the difficult times will explain. There are five candidates for confirmation in the Parish. Besides the regular morning services at Epiphany, I have afternoon service twice in the month at "Pattona Lodge," six miles distant, where we have a fair attendance and some indications of profit. Two other afternoons in each month I instruct the freed people around Epiphany, with a little increase, of late, in attendance and

interest. All things considered, I think I may represent the Parish as in an improving condition.

Very respectfully,

W. H. BURTON.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COLUMBUS.

REV. J. T. PICKETT, RECTOR.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, Lowndes County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Number of families, 35.

Baptisms--Adults, 3; children, 7; total, 10.

Confirmations, 6.

Communicants--Former number, 75; added, 13; died, 2; removed and dropped, 19; present number, 67.

Marriages--White, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals, 6.

Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 35; total, 39.

Contributions--Assessment for the Episcopate, \$150; assessment for Contingent Fund, \$20; Rev. Mr. Harris, for Meridian Mission, \$20; for Bishop's Residence, \$225; Parochial purposes, from weekly Offertory, \$150; total contributions, \$565.

J. T. PICKETT.

CARROLL COUNTY MISSION REPORT.

REV. J. C. ADAMS, MISSIONARY.

To the Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, the undersigned reports the following summary of services and statistics:

Morning service for whites, at different places, three times a month. Morning service for blacks, once a month.

Baptisms--White adults (4 by Bishop), 5; infants (3 by Bishop), 6; total, 11.

Confirmations--White, 13.

Communicants—Former number, white, 17; died, 1; removed, 3; present number, white, 26.

I left Carroll County January 1st, 1868. Four of the persons included in the above report were confirmed after my departure.

J. C. ADAMS.

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON.

REV. W. C. CRANE, RECTOR.

The Minister in charge of Grace Church, Canton, reports the following statement, in the absence of any parochial records for the two years preceding January 1, 1868:

Baptisms—White adult, 7; children, 5; total, 12.

Confirmations, 17.

Communicants—White, about 60.

Contributions-- To Bishop's salary, \$20.

W. C. CRANE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EARLY GROVE.

REV. W. K. DOUGLAS, RECTOR.

The Rector of St. John's Church, at Early Grove, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Number of families, 14. Confirmations, 2. Communicants, 12.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30; total, 36.

Contributions—For Communion Alms, \$3; Bishop's salary, \$55; Contingent Expenses, \$5; total contributions, \$63.

WM. K. DOUGLAS.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS.

REV. W. M. PITTIS, RECTOR.

The Rector of Christ Church, at Holly Springs, Marshall County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Baptisms—White adults, 3; white children, 3; total, 6.

Confirmations—White, 5.

Communicants—Number of those of the former number reported who regularly commune, 57; added since last report, 5; residents of the vicinity who have not communed since my rectorship, 6; residents of the Parish who have not communed since my rectorship, 10; total belonging to the Parish, 78.

Died, 1; removed, 6; total, 7.

Marriages, white, 4. Funerals, white, 3.

Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 50; total, 60.

Contributions.—For Domestic Missions, \$10; Communion Alms, \$82 75; Bishop's salary, \$135; Contingent Expenses, \$15; Weekly Offertory, \$151 69; total contributions, \$394 44.

In connection with my Parish work, I took charge of the neighboring Parish of St. John's, Early Grove, Marshall County, and worked with them five or six months, till they thought that they were able to cut loose from my care and obtain another Rector jointly with St. Andrew's Parish, lying next to them, which latter Parish I also visited and officiated at occasionally. I am glad to write that the Rev. Wm. K. Douglas has now the pastoral care of these two parishes, and that under his charge they will doubtless rise as near their former prosperity as the radically changed condition of the country will admit.

I have also visited several times the Parish of St. Peter's, Oxford. The Church at this important point greatly needs the care of an active, energetic Priest.

In this, my own Parish, we have done some little. The ladies of the Church, actuated by that same spirit of love which made woman the last at His Cross and the first at His grave, have been active, self-denying co-workers. By their labors we have been enabled to inclose our entire church lot with a nice paling, and make some repairs on and agreeable changes in our church building.

W. M. PETTIS.

HOLLY SPRINGS, April 27, 1868.

CALVARY CHURCH, HOLMES COUNTY.

REV. B. HALSTEAD, RECTOR.

To the Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi:

CALVARY CHURCH.—Baptisms—Adults, 3; children, 5; total, 8.

WHEELING.—Baptisms—Adults, 4; children, 4; total, 8.

BLACK HAWK.—Baptisms—Adults, 2; children, 2; total, 4.

TALLAHATCHIE Co.—Baptisms—Adults, 1; children, 5; total, 6.

Total baptisms, 26.

Confirmations—Calvary Church, 9; Wheeling, 8; Black Hawk, 2; total, 19.

Communicants—Former number, 27; died, 2; added, 3; present number, 28.

Marriages—White, 1; colored, 2; total, 3.

Burials—White, 4.

Offerings—Communion Alms, \$84; Bishop's salary, \$89; total, \$173.

Through the liberality of a gentleman in Lexington, we have been offered the gratuitous use of a large Hall, which the members and friends of the Church in that place are now filling up as a temporary place of worship. It is expected the work will be completed by the middle of May, when I shall commence services there, giving this place every alternate Sunday. The prospects of the Church here are encouraging.

B. HALSTEAD.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, HERNANDO.

REV. JOHN FOSTER, RECTOR.

The Rector of Church of the Ascension, Hernando, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of his Parish. From the force of circumstances I am compelled to exhibit a very meagre report:

Communicants, 24.

Baptisms—Adults, 4; children, 1; total, 5.

Confirmations, 8.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 25; total, 32.

Holy Communicants, 1--Easter Day.

Average attendance from 40 to 50 morning and evening service.

It is the day of small things, but not to be despised.

Very respectfully,

JOHN FOSTER.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, JACKSON.

REV. WM. C. CRANE, RECTOR.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, Hinds County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Families, number of, 87.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 12; colored, 1; children, white, 18; total, 31.

Confirmations, 23.

Communicants—Former number, white, 99; added, 22; died, 2; removed, 13; present number, 106.

Marriages—White, 4; colored, 3; total, 7. Funerals, 9.

Sunday School Teachers, 11; Scholars, 79; total, 90.

Contributions—For Bishop's salary, \$138 45.

W. C. CRANE.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, KIRKWOOD.

REV. WILLARD PRESBURY, RECTOR.

The Rector of St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, reports to the Bishop the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Number of families, 7; Communicants, 10; Confirmed, 2; Baptisms, infant, 2; Marriages, white 1, colored 1, total 2; Funerals, 2.

The Rector has charge of a small but interesting school, which, in many respects, may be considered parochial. In this the children of the Parish, and others who may become members of the

school, are being trained up in the ways of the Church for future usefulness and happiness.

WILLARD PRESBURY.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, MADISON COUNTY.

REV. GEO. C. HARRIS, RECTOR.

The Rector of the Chapel of the Cross reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi as follows:

Until within about four weeks last past I have officiated as Missionary on Deer Creek, in Issaquena County. The white congregations there are of necessity small, the country being as yet but sparsely populated. The colored people largely preponderate in number, but they generally prefer preachers of their own color. There are, however, several persons of both classes who are desirous of receiving confirmation, but in the absence of Episcopal visitation I have none to report. Could some one of the good citizens, then, whose other business might afford him a living, be invested with Deacon's Orders, I do not doubt that a good parish might be built up and permanently established within a very few years.

My official acts, beyond the usual Sunday services, are as follows:

Baptisms, infants, 3; Marriages, 3; Burials, 4.

I have to report further to your Reverence that I have recently taken charge of the Chapel of the Cross, in Madison County; but so scattered have become the former communicants within the last two years, during which the Parish has been vacant, that I cannot as yet make an accurate report of its condition. Several of the white parishioners have removed to other parishes, while others have come into this, so that the number of these is about the same as when last reported. The colored communicants have, many of them, gone into schism, following colored preachers. I have not as yet seen them all, but a few have expressed their wish to return. The majority will, it is feared, continue to absent themselves from

the Church. It is a fact worthy of note that it is now much more difficult for white men—no matter what their antecedents or where they came from—to teach these people than it was prior to the war. It is a grave question whether this increased difficulty be a necessity of the situation, to which we must submit, biding our time, or whether we should seek to remedy it by putting into operation appliances which have been useful in other ages of the Church, but the introduction of which, among ourselves, at this time, *might* be attended with difficulty as great as that sought to be remedied—whether the probable benefit to this class of people from the admission of men of that color to the Ministry, might be counterbalanced by the possible danger to the Church itself? Under certain necessary limitations and restrictions, (viz: that they be few, well-trying, well-chosen, to be admitted to the Deaconate with a view to their permanent employment therein as assistants to the clergy so situated as to need them, or as missionaries under the immediate charge of the Bishop,) I think we might safely take the risk of the experiment, and trust the mercy of God to bless it.

GEO. C. HARRIS.

TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ.

REV. CHAS. B. DANA, RECTOR.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez, Adams County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of his Church:

Families, about 100.

Baptisms—Adults, white, 10; children, white, 27; total, 37.

Confirmations—White, 47.

Communicants—Former number, 121; died, 4; removed, 6; added, 25; present number, white, 136; colored, 1; total, 137.

Marriages—White, 8. Funerals, 12.

Sunday School Teachers, 15; Scholars, about 100; total, 115.

Contributions—Bishop's Salary, \$500; Contingent Fund of Diocesan Convention, \$50; Communion Alms, about \$125; purchase of melodeon for Sunday School, \$150; other expenses, \$175; total, \$1,000.

The condition of this Parish during the last conventional year has, except *financially*, been evidently improving. Although it has suffered the loss of several families who have removed from the city, others have been added; and the size of the congregation is very perceptibly increased. The attendance on the week-day services in Lent, as well as on Sundays, has been much better than it was the previous year; one result of which is, that a larger number of persons were confirmed on Easter Day than were ever before confirmed in this church at one time.

In such circumstances of great depression, and destitution of *temporal* prosperity, there are cheering indications of *spiritual* wealth and strength: and the Rector, therefore, can only "thank God" for these manifestations of His favor, "and take courage" for the future welfare and success of His Church.

CHARLES B. DANA.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MARSHALL COUNTY.

REV. WM. K. DOUGLAS, RECTOR.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marshall County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Number of families, 5; Communicants, 12.

Contributions—For Bishop's salary, \$14; for contingent expenses of the Diocesan Convention, \$5; total, \$19.

WM. K. DOUGLAS.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR, OSYKA.**REV. JOHN HEWITT (DEACON), RECTOR.**

In the absence of the Rector, the Senior Warden respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi (as in duty bound) the following statement, taken from the Register of this Parish:

Number of families, 7.

Baptisms—White adults, 1; white children, 4; colored adults, 2; colored children, 14; total, 21.

Communicants—White, 15; colored, 5; removed, 4.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 45; total, 52.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$150 96; Bishop's salary, \$20; Rector's salary, \$147; Easter Offerings (Bishop), \$3 96; total, \$321 92.

The Rev. John Hewitt (Deacon) left us on account of the health of his family, after officiating first Sabbath in April. By request, Rev. Albert Lyon kindly officiated on Easter Sabbath, and administered the Holy Communion.

Most respectfully submitted,

GEO. TH. GILBERT, Senior Warden.

ST. PETER'S PARISH, OXFORD.

In the absence of any Rector, the Senior Warden of St. Peter's Parish, Oxford, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement, taken from the Parish Register:

Number of families, 15; baptisms, 25; confirmations, 33; communicants, 46; burials, 2.

Contributions—To Bishop's salary, \$100; contingent expenses, \$10; total, \$110.

Lay reading has been had regularly on each Sunday morning, and the Rev. Wm. M. Pettis, Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs, has occasionally kindly given us services.

THO. E. B. PEGUES, Senior Warden.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, RAYMOND.

The late Rector of St. Mark's Church, Raymond, Hinds County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of the Parish:

Number of families, 25.

Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 22; total, 24.

Confirmations, 14.

Communicants - Former number, 26; added, 18; removed, 4; present number, 40.

Marriages— White, 2; colored, 1; total, 3.

Sunday School Teachers, 12; Scholars, 65; total, 77.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$5; Episcopal Residence, \$15; Bishop's salary, \$20; Contingent Fund, \$5; paying debt on church, \$300; restoring church edifice, \$500; building church at Dry Grove, \$1000; total, \$1845.

The church edifice, after being closed for four years, has been neatly restored, and was, on the 12th of May—the anniversary of its desolation—re-opened for Divine Service. The debts upon it have been paid, and it is now awaiting consecration.

My alternate Sundays were spent at Dry Grove, ten miles distant. The statistics of this Mission are incorporated in the above report.

In taking leave of his parishioners, in the place of any vain attempt to give utterance to feelings far too deep for expression, their late Rector simply records their prompt fulfillment of every obligation entered into with himself, and their many kind exertions for the comfort of his family.

WM. K. DOUGLAS, *late Rector.*

SUMMIT MISSION.

REV. JOHN HEWITT, MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

The Missionary in charge of Summit Mission respectfully re-

ports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement of its condition:

SUMMIT—CHRIST CHURCH.

Number of families, 13.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; infant, 2; total, 3.

Confirmations, 11.

Communicants—Former number, 22; present number, 34.

Funerals, 4.

Sunday School Teachers, 5; Scholars, 13; total, 18.

Contributions—Alms, \$28 40; Domestic Missions, \$2 40; for church and parsonage, donated by Col. W. H. Garland—three lots, \$750; lumber for building, \$450; Ladies' Parsonage Association, \$633; Minister's salary, \$140; total contributions, \$2203 80.

OSYKA—CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR.

Number of families, 5.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 17; total, 20.

Confirmations, 6.

Communicants—Former number, 22; removals, 11; present number, 11.

Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 36; total, 42.

Contributions—Alms, \$44; support of Minister, \$178; total, \$222.

BROOKHAVEN MISSION STATION.

Number of families, 4.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 1; total, 2.

Marriages, 1. Communicants, 11. Contributions, \$47.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS—MISSION STATION.

Number of families, 1. Infant baptisms, 2. Communicants, 1. Contributions, \$12 40.

MAGNOLIA MISSION STATION.

Number of families, 3. Communicants, 4.

SUMMARY.

Number of families, 26. Baptisms—Adults, 5; infants, 22; total, 27. Confirmations, 17. Communicants, 61. Sunday School Teachers, 11; Scholars, 49; total, 60. Contributions, \$2485 20.

I am sure you will agree with me, my dear Bishop, that too much cannot be said in urging the necessity of keeping this important missionary field constantly open. The Church has certainly made some real progress here of late, and the general interest which has been awakened should not be allowed to die away.

The large congregations and the building of a parsonage, are surely substantial signs of prosperity.

I exceedingly regret the circumstances which have compelled me to leave the Diocese for several months at least, and fear very much that the ill health of myself and family will not permit me to return for a longer period still. I assure you I weighed well the reasons which brought me away, and seriously concluded that my life was worth nothing to my fellow-creatures, or myself, without health.

I earnestly hope and pray that the little which has been done in so extensive a field, may not have been done in vain, but that some one will be found to undertake its work.

Yours, most obediently,

JNO. HEWITT.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, BOVINA.

Rev. Father—As there is no Minister at St. Alban's, Bovina, it devolves, perhaps, on me to report the present state of that church, so far as memory can supply the statistics:

Baptised by Rev. J. A. Fox, adults, 3; confirmed, 2; communicants in 1862, say 50; disappeared since, by death, removal, or otherwise, 27; present number, 23; contributions, none, except to pay a part of assessment.

A. HANNUM, *Lay Delegate.*

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, TERRY.

DUNCAN C. GREEN (DEACON), MISSIONARY IN CHARGE.

The Missionary in charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement of the Parish:

Families, 8; confirmations, 7; communicants, last report, 6; added, 9; present number, 15.

No contributions have been recorded, and it is not in the power of the Missionary in charge to state whether any have been made or not. The Parish was under the charge of the late Rev. G. S. Carraway, and since the undersigned has been placed over it, no moneys whatever have been paid into his own or any other hands.

DUNCAN C. GREEN.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.

REV. H. SANSOM, RECTOR.

The Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg, respectfully reports to the Bishop of the Diocese the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Number of families, 130.

Baptisms - White adults, 36; infants, 50; total, 86.

Confirmations, 70.

Communicants - Former number, 130; added, 50; died, 11; removed, 19; present number, 150.

Marriages - White, 22; colored, 1; total, 23.

Funerals, 46.

Sunday School Teachers, 24; Scholars, 150; total, 174.

Contributions--Bishop's salary, \$293 10; Contingent Expenses of Diocesan Convention, \$60; Communion Alms, \$147 50; for current expenses of the church, \$604 50; total, \$1105 10.

H. SANSOM.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, DIAMOND PLACE.

REV. EDMOND C. LAUGHLIN, MISSIONARY.

Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D.D:

My Dear Bishop—Since my return last June from the Nashotah Theological Seminary, Wisconsin, I have been actively engaged in missionary work to the freedmen in this section of our Diocese. Though at first I was rather doubtful of any good results, yet I was greatly encouraged by the Church at large, and especially many of the Bishops, who repeatedly urged it upon the clergy that they should do all in their power for the evangelization of those poor people. I have held regular Sunday services, and upon the other great Festivals and Fasts which occurred during the week—at all which I have had quite good and attentive congregations, and, upon the whole, feel very hopeful as to the beneficial results which it only requires time and patience to develop. They are a very impressive race, and are religiously inclined. The beauty of our service is very attractive to them, though its solemnity is not quite so much in accordance with their fervent and emotional natures, but they can be so educated that in time all their prejudices against the Church may be done away, and in their place implanted a love and reverence for her Holy Truths, pure worship and thorough discipline.

In addition to my congregation of freedmen, there are several white persons in the neighborhood very much interested in the Church, and attracted to her beautiful service. Some more are expected, so that within a short period I may be able to gather within our little chapel a very large congregation of both classes. I am convinced that our regular services here are having a beneficial influence, and as we are alone in such acts of public Sunday worship for several miles around, God can only foresee the good that will follow to the Church.

Within the past ten months I have baptised six colored children and married two colored couples; have celebrated the Holy Communion several times, and delivered to you \$10 10, the proceeds

of two Offertories for Diocesan Missions. I assisted some of the members of the church in the purchase of a bell, which has been a very great convenience indeed, and quite a good sized out-house has so far proved amply commodious for our congregation.

I devote nearly the two halves of each day to the teaching respectively of a small number of freedmen and white children. They seem very anxious to learn, and as I simply require the parents to meet the necessary expenses of the school, they are glad and ready to send their children.

I feel encouraged to proceed in my present field of labor with the assurance of a result as hopeful and remunerative as a broader field and more enlightened congregation.

With much respect, I remain,

Your Son in the Church,

EDMOND C. LAUGHLIN.

DIAMOND PLACE, WARREN Co., Miss., April 27, 1868.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOODVILLE.

REV. J. C. ADAMS, RECTOR.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, Wilkinson County, reports to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi the following statement from the Register of his Parish:

Number of families, 31.

Baptisms—White adults, 2; white infants, 1; total, 3.

Confirmations, 5.

Communicants—Former number, white, 82; added, 9; removed, 24; present number, white, 67; colored, 1; total, 68.

Marriages—White, 2.

Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 22; total, 26.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$17; Communion Alms, \$12 20; Bishop's salary, \$90 53; total, \$119 73.

J. C. ADAMS.

N. B. I took charge of this Parish January 12th, 1868.

TRINITY CHURCH, YAZOO CITY.**REV. WM. D. CHRISTIAN, RECTOR.**

The Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City, offers the following report to the Bishop of the Diocese:

Number of families, 36.

Baptisms—Adults, 6; infants, 17; total, 23.

Marriages, 2.

Funerals, 6.

• Confirmations—White, 9.

Communicants—Former number reported, 40; added, 6; died, 2; removed, 5; present number, white, 39; colored, 1; total communicants, 40.

Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, 33; total, 40.

Pupils in Parish Day Schools, 23.

Communion administered, 15.

Contributions—Communion Offerings, \$38 08; Domestic Missions, \$4 80; other offertories, \$141 06; whole amount received through offertory, \$183 44.

I began to officiate in charge of this Parish in June, 1867. In November last (the former Rector, Rev. Wm. H. Phillips, having previously resigned,) I received a call from the Vestry, and assumed the rectorship. Morning Prayer (with a few exceptions) has been offered daily; Evening Prayer on Sundays and Fridays. During Holy Week, Morning and Evening Prayer were offered daily. This Parish is still without a church building of any kind. We are now making an appeal to the Church at large for aid.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM D. CHRISTIAN.

YAZOO CITY, April 27, 1868.

REPORT OF REV. F. W. BOYD, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Bishop—I have the honor to report to you in compliance with the Canons, the following details of clerical work performed since the last Convention:

Baptisms—White adults. 1; white infants. 1; colored infants. 2; total, 4.

Married,—Colored, 3.

On all Sundays and Holy Days I have attended upon and conducted the prescribed services, and have lectured and preached upon most of them.

For the two months last past, I have been officiating as Chaplain at "St. Agnes Hall," Terre Haute, and have a large class of young ladies preparing for confirmation when the Bishop shall make his visitation.

Very respectfully,

F. W. BOYD.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., May 1, 1868.

REPORT OF REV. THOS. S. SAVAGE.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 9, 1868.

Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi:

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—During my residence at this place, I have been engaged in superintending the education of my children, and, having as yet no parochial charge, in performing such clerical duty as my circumstances would permit.

I have officiated in several churches in this county: Charlottesville, Rev. Mr. Meade; Staunton, Rev. Mr. Latané; Cobham, Rev. Mr. Boyden; and at the University of Virginia, in Hanover County, at Ashland. I have also been engaged in visiting the poor—white and black—in Charlottesville, distributing tracts, and giving them oral religious instruction, as opportunities presented.

Respectfully,

THOS. S. SAVAGE.

to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the following statement from the Parish records:

Parish.	County.	GAIN.		LOSS.			REMARKS.
		Growth.	Transfer.	Death.	Removal.	Total Neglect.	
Last Year.							
Current Year.							
No. Families in Parish.							
Confirmed persons in do.							
Actual communicants do.							
Sunday School Teachers							
" Pupils.							
No. Confirmations.							
Baptisms (Adult)							
" (Infant)							
Marriages.							
Funerals.							

RECEIVED.		Dollars	Cents	EXPENDED.		Dollars	Cents
On hand last year.....				For Diocesan Missions.....			
From General Offerory.....				Domestic ".....			
Communion Alms.....				Foreign ".....			
General Collections.....				Support of Episcopate.....			
Individual Donations.....				Convention Fund.....			
				Parochial Schools.....			
				Improvements in Buildings.....			
				Episcopal Fund.....			
				Charitable Purposes.....			
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Total received.....				Total expended and on hand.....			

RECTOR.

NOTE.—In column of "Remarks," state number of colored persons included in each class. There may be a letter of transmittal accompanying this report, in which such matters as shall be thought interesting or important may be stated. If there be no Rector, it is the duty of the Senior Warden to make this report.

FORM FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of ——— Church, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship, the Constitution and Canons, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and we do accordingly now appoint ———, [not less than three, nor more than eleven persons, naming them,] to be the first Vestry of ——— Church; and ———, [two persons, naming them,] to be the first Wardens, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D. ———, and until others be chosen in their place: and an election for Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Witness our hands at ———, County of ———, and State of Mississippi, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

ART. II. There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Diocese every year, at such time and place as may be fixed on by the preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church requires it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it; and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, on urgent reasons, may call a special Convention. When a special Convention is so called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in giving notice thereof, to specify the business and purposes for which it is to be assembled, and no other business shall be transacted than that which is thus specified, or necessarily connected with it.

ART. III. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, canonically resident in the Diocese for three months prior to the session of the Convention, shall be entitled to a seat in the same; and it is hereby made his duty to attend its deliberations.

Every Parish within this Diocese, in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a Lay Delegate, or Lay Delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Rector, a Warden, or Secretary of the Parish, shall,

before the admission to seats, be laid before the Convention: *Provided*, That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be in the Parish which he represents. The delegation from each Parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

ART. IV. New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority vote; *Provided*, They shall have laid before the Convention written evidences, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

ART. V. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio*, the President of the Convention; but during a vacancy in the Episcopate, or in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the members shall elect a President from among the Presbyters; *Provided*, That in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Convention may invite the Bishop of any other Diocese to preside over the deliberations of the Convention, who, if he accept the invitation, shall have all the powers and privileges of the President of the Convention.

ART. VI. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Annual Convention.

ART. VII. The members of the Convention present, on due notification, and consisting of not less than three Clergy, and Lay Delegates from three Parishes, shall constitute a quorum to transact the regular business of the Convention. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate in one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for, in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

ART. VIII. When on account of the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious disease, it shall be thought imprudent to hold the

Convention at the place appointed, the Bishop may change it, by giving notice in some newspaper, and notifying the Ministers and Parishes.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article, except at the annual meetings of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.



CANONS.

CANON I.

OF THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.

SECTION 1. Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form an Episcopal Congregation, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and none shall be considered as members of such congregation when organized, who shall not (on requisition by the Rector or Vestry) formally accede to said articles of association. The congregation shall assume a suitable name, by which their church or parish shall be designated, and appoint not less than three, nor more than eleven, Vestrymen, and two Wardens. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Convention; and if approved by that body, delegates from that congregation or parish may take seats in the Convention: and the congregation shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its control.

SEC. 2. Every Parish, so organized, shall annually, on Easter

Monday, or as soon afterwards as may be, elect the same number of Vestrymen, or such number as the Vestry, at some meeting previous to the election, have designated, who shall be stated worshipers in the Church; who shall, as soon as may be after their election, assemble and appoint two Wardens, a Register and Treasurer.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Rector, agreeably to the ancient usage of the Church, to preside in all Parish and Vestry meetings; but, in case of his absence, one of the Warden shall preside.

CANON II.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall be composed of three Presbyters and two Laymen, and be elected at each Annual Convention. Any vacancy occurring in this Committee, may be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. They shall keep full minutes of their proceedings, which shall be laid on the table of each Annual Convention, and read therein.

CANON III.

OF SUSPENSION FROM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY.

The Bishop, with the advice of the Standing Committee, shall be empowered to suspend from the functions of the Ministry, any Minister who shall be charged with improper irreligious, or immoral conduct; and further, this suspension shall be continued until the disposal of the charges against him by a canonical trial, unless before such trial the Bishop and Standing Committee are satisfied from testimony laid before them, of a thorough reformation of his life: *Provided*, That no Minister shall be suspended, until he shall have been notified, by the Bishop or Standing Committee, of the nature of the charges against him, and an opportunity given him to be heard, in relation thereto, before the Bishop or Standing Committee.

CANON IV.

OF THE TRIAL OF CLERGYMEN.

SECTION 1. The trial of a Clergyman of this Diocese shall be on presentment made to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a Clergyman shall be either by the Convention of the Diocese, by the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Parish to which such Clergyman may belong, or by one or more Presbyters of the Church.

SEC. 2. In all cases of presentment contemplated by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or by those of this Diocese, a copy of the charge or charges, and specifications, together with a citation to appear and answer, shall be served upon the party accused, in the manner hereinafter provided, with all convenient speed. The charges and specifications shall be set forth with such reasonable certainty and description, as may enable the defendant to know and prepare for his defense. And upon the trial of such presentment, the rules of evidence, as understood and enforced in the judicial tribunals of the State, shall govern, except so far as they are altered or modified by the Canons of the General Convention, or by those of the Diocese.

SEC. 3. The regular place of trial, and the office for the record of all ecclesiastical proceedings shall be the house of the Bishop; but, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for these purposes; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his Council of Advice, may appoint any place within his Diocese for the trial, if there be any special reasons moving him thereto.

SEC. 4. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a Commissary appointed for that purpose, by the ecclesiastical authority, or in the manner of commissions or depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the oral examination of witnesses who may be present at the trial.

SEC. 5. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 6. The Convention of the Diocese shall, at every regular session, elect five Presbyters, canonically resident in the Diocese. The Presbyters so elected shall constitute an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of Clergymen. The members of the court so elected shall hold their office until the close of the next regular meeting of the Convention - provided, however, that from any cause there be no election, they shall continue in office until a new election takes place.

SEC. 7. Four of the court so selected shall constitute a *quorum*, and may proceed with the trial of any presentment.

SEC. 8. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said court, it shall be filled by the Bishop. And the persons so appointed to fill said vacancy, shall hold their office until a new court is elected.

SEC. 9. When the defendant appears, he may plead, generally, "not guilty," to all the charges and specifications; or he may admit them to be true; or he may plead "not guilty," to part, and admit the residue. Upon such specifications as are admitted to be true, it shall be the duty of the court to decide whether they amount to such an offense as is canonically presentable. And in regard to such specifications as are denied, the said court shall try the same; and shall pronounce their verdict, either "guilty" or "not guilty," on each specification.

SEC. 10. Upon the finding of the court that the defendant is guilty upon one or more of the specifications; or in case they are of opinion that the facts admitted to be true amount to a presentable offense, it shall proceed to suggest what sentence, in its opinion, ought to be inflicted. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to pronounce such judgment as is suggested: *Provided*, always, that in case of judgment other than degradation, the Bishop may, at any time afterward, with the advice of the Standing Committee, modify or remit said sentence.

SEC. 11. It shall require a concurrence of at least three members of the court present to find the defendant guilty. Each member of the court shall be at liberty to record his opinion.

SEC. 12. The court shall, upon the trial, appoint a clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a regular record of each day's proceedings. He shall also record the judgment rendered by the Bishop; and each day's proceedings shall be signed by the members of the court. A true record of said proceedings so signed, shall be filed with the Standing Committee; and copies, certified by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, shall, in all cases, be received as evidence of said record and proceedings.

SEC. 13. If, from sickness or other necessary cause, any member or members of the court cannot attend the trial, it shall be the duty of the members of the court present to select some other Presbyter or Presbyters to take their place: *Provided*, That when four of the regular members attend, no such appointment shall be made.

SEC. 14. The expenses of the trial shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Church.

SEC. 15. If the accused do not appear, the court may proceed to trial in his absence; or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day: and if he refuse or decline to appear, the court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, in three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial. And if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 16. If any member of the court be the party making the presentment, or be connected by consanguinity or affinity with the party making the presentment, or with the accused, such member shall not preside at such trial.

SEC. 17. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences respectively;

the time between the day of service and the day of appearance being not less than twenty days, over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance. And in case there is reason to believe that a Minister, against whom any ecclesiastical proceedings have been instituted, has departed from the United States, or that the place of his sojourn cannot be conveniently ascertained, then it shall be sufficient to have a copy of the citation published three times in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he last resided, and also in some newspaper printed at the seat of government of the State in which he is cited to appear, at least six months before the day of appearance.

SEC. 18. In all cases of presentment of Ministers, where the party accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, sentence of suspension shall be passed for contumacy: which sentence shall continue in force until the party consents to a regular trial.

CANON V.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

It shall be the business of the Bishop, and, if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, when informed by the Vestry of either of the Churches in this Diocese, that such Church is not provided with a Minister, (in which information, the means which the Church has for supporting a Minister, shall be stated,) diligently to inquire for and recommend to the Vestry giving such information, a proper person to officiate in the said Church; and they shall report to the Convention, at each annual meeting, what information of vacancies they have received, and their proceedings thereon.

CANON VI.

OF RESIGNATION OF A PARISH.

Whenever any Minister, having charge of a Church or Parish in this Diocese, shall resign such Church or Parish, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of said Church, and, if there be no Secretary, then of the Wardens, and, if there be neither Secretary nor

Warden, then of the Vestry, to communicate in writing, forthwith, to the Bishop, if there be a Bishop, and if not, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the fact of such resignation.

CANON VII.

OF THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately, (the Clergy individually, and the Laity by Congregations,) and the concurrence of a majority of each Order shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

CANON VIII.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention, at the session immediately preceding the regular session of each General Convention, shall elect four Clerical and four Lay Deputies to the next ensuing General Convention. And these Deputies shall retain their office until their successors are elected.

CANON IX.

OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

In order to secure more effectually an accurate view of the state of the Church, it is hereby made obligatory on every Parish Minister to conform his Parochial Report to the following form, and his failure to comply therewith shall be deemed a sufficient cause for the exclusion of such report from the pages of the Journal of the Convention.

[The form will be found at the end of Parochial Reports.]

CANON X.

OF FINANCE.

SECTION 1. A Committee on Finance, consisting of five, (a majority of whom shall be Laymen,) shall be appointed at each session of the Convention, to assess the amount to be contributed by each Parish, to the support of the Episcopate, and to the Contingent Fund of the Convention, and to whom shall be referred all matters of a financial character.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall, at least one month previous to the

meeting of every stated Convention, call upon each Vestry to send the latter amount, including arrearages, if there be any, by the hands of the Delegates to the Convention.

CANON XI.

OF THE MODE OF ORGANIZING THE CONVENTION.

When the day appointed for the assembling of the Convention has arrived, the Bishop of the Diocese, if he be present, or, in his absence or inability, the President of the Standing Committee, or in his absence, any Presbyter, on motion, shall take the chair, and call the Convention to order; and the Secretary of the last Convention, or, in his absence, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, or, in his absence, any Clerical or Lay member named by the presiding officer, shall be, *pro tem.*, Secretary of the Convention. The list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, furnished by the Bishop, or, in his absence, by the President of the Standing Committee, shall next be read; the credentials of Lay Delegates shall then be laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to a committee, consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, who shall, as soon as may be, report on the same. If it shall appear that a constitutional quorum is present, the presiding officer shall declare the Convention ready for business.

CANON XII.

OF EXPENSES IN ATTENDING CONVENTION.

Every Parish shall provide for the expense of its Rector, whilst attending the Convention, and going to and from the same.

CANON XIII.

OF CONVOCATIONS.

Convocations shall be held at such times and places as, in the opinion of the Bishop, the interests of the Church require.

At each Convocation, a collection shall be taken up for Diocesan Missions.

CANON XIV.

OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SECTION 1. The Convention shall annually elect three responsible

Trustees, who shall hold office until the election of their successors, to take charge of and manage, under the direction of the Convention, the Episcopal Fund. It shall be the duty of said Trustees to invest said fund, collect the annual interest due thereon, and pay the same, from time to time, to the Bishop. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation, or removal from the Diocese, it shall be filled by the next Diocesan Convention—the remaining Trustees to have full power to act until the vacancy be filled.

SEC. 2. All bonds, notes, or other moneys, due on account of said fund, shall be made payable to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund for the Diocese of Mississippi, or their successors in office. All bonds or notes now payable to the Standing Committee shall be transferred to said Trustees.

SEC. 3. Said Trustees shall loan out the principal of said fund in their hands, for such time as they may deem best, taking bonds or notes for the repayment of the principal at the stipulated period, and also for the annual payment of the interest. No loan, however, shall be made by the Trustees unless the same be secured by two responsible sureties, and by deed of trust on unencumbered property, the cash value of which shall be at least double the amount of the sum loaned. Said deed of trust shall contain a clause authorizing the Trustees to sell the property, or so much as may be necessary, whenever there is a default in payment of either principal or interest.

SEC. 4. Said Trustees may, with the consent of the Bishop, invest part of said fund, not exceeding five thousand dollars, in the purchase of a permanent Episcopal residence. And they may, if the money is not collected in notes in their hands, borrow such sum as may be necessary, and mortgage the property purchased in their name, as Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.

SEC. 5. Said Trustees shall report to each Convention the amount of money, notes, bonds, or other property, received by them, and from whom, the amount paid out, etc., so that an accu-

rate account of the state of the fund may be always before the Diocese.

SEC. 6. Said Trustees may receive bonds, the principal of which may be made payable at such time as said Trustees may deem advisable: *Provided, however,* that the interest at six per cent. shall be payable annually: *Provided, further,* that when the money is paid on said bonds, the Trustees shall be bound to loan it to the person who paid it, if he should desire it. In such case, the money shall be loaned at legal interest, and shall be secured, as heretofore provided for in Section 3.

CANON XV.

OF GENERAL TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund shall be the General Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi, and as such, are authorized to receive, by will, deed or otherwise, for the use of the Church, such property and money as may be given to it by any person or persons.

CANON XVI.

OF OFFERINGS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Besides individual contributions for Missions or other purposes, it shall be the duty of the Rector of every Parish to collect, twice a year, the offerings of the Parish for Diocesan Missions, to-wit: On the second Sunday of April and the second Sunday of October; and if, from any cause, the offerings are not collected on said days, they shall be collected on some subsequent Sunday, and the said Rector shall embrace, in his Parochial Report to the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount received at each collection.

CANON XVII.

OF ATTENDANCE ON CONVENTION.

Every Clergyman entitled to a seat in the Convention shall, in case of his inability or failure to attend, communicate in writing, his reasons therefor to the Bishop, at the session of the Convention, or in one month thereafter.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the *Diocesan Missionary Society of Mississippi*.

ART. II. All Clergymen, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be, *ex-officio*, members of the Society, and such Laymen as shall pay the sums hereinafter mentioned.

ART. III. The officers of the Society shall be the Bishop as President; a first, second and third Vice President; a Secretary or General Agent, and a Treasurer. When there is a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Society shall elect from the Presbyters a President. The Vice Presidents, according to their numerical order, shall, in the absence, or by request of the President, perform the duties of President.

ART. IV. A committee of five, to be annually elected, shall constitute a Board of Managers. The Secretary of the Society shall be, *ex-officio*, Secretary of the Board of Managers. A majority of the Managers shall constitute a quorum to do business. They shall have power to make such by-laws as they deem necessary.

ART. V. The Board of Managers shall establish a Diocesan Depository, and such branches as may be deemed necessary. They shall distribute the Bible, the Prayer Book, and such Religious Tracts and other works, only, as may be approved by the Bishop, or the Board of Managers. Any person desirous to sell or distribute such books in the Diocese by authority of the Church, may

be licensed to do so by the Bishop, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation therefor out of the Society funds.

ART. VI. Missionaries employed by the Bishop shall be allowed such salaries as he may direct; to be paid out of the funds of the Society. The President shall report to the Convention the number of Missionaries aided by it; their different stations or employments; the sums paid to each; what person has been employed to sell books, and the number of tracts and books distributed. The person employed to sell books shall report to the Convention the amount of books sold and distributed by him during the year. Said Managers shall, from the funds of the Society, aid in the education of such youths of piety as are recommended by the Bishop, and in general shall have power to adopt and execute such measures as they may deem proper to further the objects of the Society. When the Episcopate is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have the powers confided by this Article to the Bishop.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Society to aid and assist owners of plantations, who are desirous to give religious instruction to their slaves, and to give information of such persons to the Bishop, in order that he may provide suitable Missionaries to organize Parishes on said plantations.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Society; keep a list of the Missionaries paid or assisted by the Society, and the amount allowed to each. The funds in his hands shall only be paid out by the order of the Managers or of the President. He shall report at each anniversary meeting the state of the Society's funds—its property; and present his accounts for examination and settlement.

ART. IX. The Secretary shall keep a Record of the Proceedings of the Board of Managers, in a well-bound book. He shall, by virtue of his office, conduct the correspondence, and perform such other acts as the Board of Managers shall direct. He shall copy this Constitution on the minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Managers.

ART. X. The Society shall meet annually, at the place where the Diocesan Convention is held, on the second day of the Convention. (Such of the Clerical and Lay Members of the Society as may be present, shall constitute a quorum to do business; and in the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, a President *pro tem.* shall be elected.) A suitable Sermon shall be preached during the Convention, upon such day as shall be selected by the Bishop, or by some clergyman appointed by him. After sermon, a collection shall be taken up for the use of the Society.

ART. XI. An election of officers of this Society shall be made at such anniversary meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, then the old officers shall continue in office until an election be held.

ART. XII. Every member, except clergymen, shall pay at the time of subscription, and annually thereafter, on the first day of January, the sum of one dollar to the Rector of the Parish, or to such other person as shall be authorized to receive the same.

By the payment of twenty dollars, any one may become a life member of the Society, and shall not be subject to the annual assessment thereafter.

ART. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all donations which may be made to the Society, and cause a faithful record of the same to be kept, stating the name of the donor and the amount of the benefaction.

ART. XIV. A notice of the Society, its object, terms of membership, and request for such donations as the pious and liberal are disposed to make, shall be inserted as a standing advertisement in such papers published in the Diocese as are disposed to insert the same without charge.

ART. XV. The President may convene the Board of Managers at any time he thinks proper.

ART. XVI. The Society being intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with the authority of the Church, it is hereby declared, that whatever is done by the Society, shall be done in

subordination to the authority of the Church, and in accordance with the advice of the Bishop.

ART. XVII. It shall be the duty of each Minister of this Diocese to publicly bring the objects of this Society annually before his Parish, and request the friends of religion to co-operate with him in procuring members and donations. He shall also report quarterly to the Secretary the names of the members, and the amounts received by him, and forward the same to the Treasurer annually.

ART. XVIII. Each regularly organized Parish shall be considered as an Auxiliary or Branch Society.

The Rector of such Parish shall be President of the said Auxiliary Society. He shall appoint four persons, two of whom shall be ladies, to solicit donations, and to procure members for the Society. Payment for membership shall not be confined to one dollar, but may be one dollar or more per annum.

It shall be the duty of the President of the Auxiliary Society to receive and remit all funds contributed in his Parish to the Treasurer.

ART. XIX. The Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present, and shall be published, together with the annual proceedings of the Society, with the Journals of the Convention.

RULES OF ORDER,

AS ADOPTED BY THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF 1860.

1. The Convention shall be opened on the first day with full service, including Convention Sermon, (the preacher of which shall be appointed by the Bishop at the preceding Convention,) and the celebration of the Holy Communion: and on each succeeding day with Morning Prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or

to divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table or to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the minutes of this Convention.

13. The reports of all committees shall be in writing, and shall be received, of course, and without motion, unless recommitted by vote of the Convention. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the Convention, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Convention therein.

14. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.

15. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without express leave of the Convention.

16. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment, shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

17. The first thing in order, after the Convention is declared

organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, for the ensuing year.

18. The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Convention, and the reading of said Rules by the Secretary.

19. The appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz : 1st, On Credentials; 2d, On the Admission of New Congregations; 3d, On the state of the Church; 4th, On Finance; 5th, On Constitution and Canons; 6th, On Diocesan Schools; 7th, On Unfinished Business.

20. The reading of the Bishop's Journal and Address.

21. The reading of the Parochial Reports.

22. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Convention.

23. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

24. The reading of the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

25. The reading of the Reports from Committees appointed by the last Convention.

26. Designation of time and place for holding the next Convention.

27. The election of Diocesan Officers—1st, the members of the Standing Committee; 2d, Treasurer of the Diocese; 3d, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; 4th, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; 5th, Members of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th, Deputies to General Convention, (when required); 7th, any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

28. Reports of Standing Committees.

29. Reports from Special Committees.

30. General Motions, Resolutions and Propositions.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on **Thursday** afternoon, April 30th, in Grace Church, Canton.

The Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, Bishop of the Diocese, **President**, called the meeting to order.

On motion, the Rev. W. M. Pettis was unanimously elected **Secretary and Treasurer**.

The late Secretary and Treasurer being absent, no report was made of the transactions of the past year.

On motion, the following Vice Presidents were **unanimously** elected--1st, Rev. James A. Fox; 2d, Mr. James S. Johnston; 3d, Col. T. F. B. Pegues.

And the following gentlemen were duly elected **Managers**—Hon. Wm. McWillie, Dr. W. T. Balfour, Rev. E. C. Laughlin, Prof. C. W. Sears.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That each Rector be requested to urge upon his parishioners the duty of sustaining our Home Missions to the extent of their ability.

There being no further business, the Society adjourned to meet at the next Council, unless sooner specially convened.

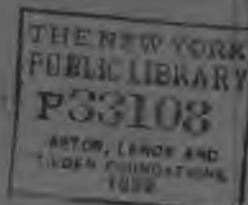
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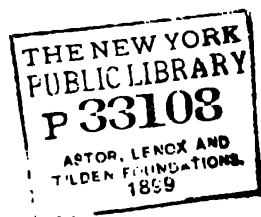
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LIST OF THE CLERGY.

- Rev. William Mercer Green, D.D.*, Bishop of the Diocese.
- v. *W. H. Burton*, Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County.
 - v. *A. W. Clarke*, St. John's Church, Aberdeen.
 - v. *W. C. Crane, D.D.*, St. Andrew's, Jackson.
 - v. *W. D. Christian*, Trinity Church, Yazoo City.
 - v. *C. B. Dana, D.D.*, Trinity Church, Natchez.
 - v. *W. K. Douglas*, St. John's Church, Early Grove.
 - v. *John Foster*, Ascension Church, Hernando.
 - v. *James A. Fox*, Ministering in Warren County.
 - v. *Duncan C. Green*, Grace Church, &c., Canton.
 - v. *James D. Gibson*, Absent in Canada.
 - v. *David G. Gunn*, Deacon, Dry Grove, &c.
 - v. *Benjamin Halstead*, Calvary Church, Holmes County.
 - v. *George C. Harris*, Chapel of the Cross, Madison County.
 - v. *Henry C. Harris*, Church of the Holy Comforter, Hinds Co., &c.
 - v. *Edmund C. Laughlin*, Church of the Holy Communion, Warren County.
 - v. *Albert Lyon*, Teaching at Vicksburg.
 - v. *Joseph B. Lyons*, Deacon.
 - v. *W. M. Pettis*, Christ Church, Holly Springs.
 - v. *W. E. Philips*, Trinity Church, Pass Christian.
 - v. *J. T. Pickett*, Postoffice, Holly Springs.
 - v. *William Presburg*, St. Philip's, Kirkwood.
 - v. *Henry Sansom, D.D.*, Christ Church, Vicksburg.
 - v. *A. F. Samuels, M.D.*, Officiating at Grenada, &c.
 - v. *Thomas S. Savage, M.D.*, Foreign Missions, N. Y.
 - v. *F. A. Shoup*, St. Peter's Church, Oxford.
 - v. *John E. Smedes*, Pass Christian.
 - v. *Joseph L. Tucker*, Deacon, Columbus.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES

ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF 1869.

THOSE MARKED THUS * ATTENDED ITS SITTINGS.

TRINITY CHURCH, Natchez.—Hon. Alexander Montgomery, Spencer Wood, M.D., G. Calhoun, M.D. Alternates: Hon. J. D. Shields, McLeroy S. Bronn, W. E. Bon'urant, M.D.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Jackson.—Mr. G. D. Sidway, * Col. John Duncan, Mr. D. P. Porter. Alternates: Hon. William Yerger, Mr. George Fearn, Mr. W. H. H. Green.

CHRIST CHURCH, Holly Springs.—* R. S. Stith, Esq., Mr. J. H. Athey, Col. H. W. Walter. Alternates: Maj. Kinloch Falconer, Jos. Caruthers, B. W. Walthall.

GRACE CHURCH, Canton.—C. C. Shackelford, D. S. Goodloe, Cha's Priestley. Alternates: S. L. Mosby, S. S. Calhoon, John Dawson.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Oxford.—* T. E. B. Pegues, * John Thompson, M.D., * Doctor Green.

ST. PAUL'S, Columbus.—Gray A. Chandler, Richard Evans, B. A. Vaughan, M.D.

ST. JOHN'S, Early Grove.—D. S. Abernathy, A. G. Bailey, M.D., R. A. Baird.

ST. MARK'S, Raymond.—J. L. Bogle, M.D.

ST. JOHN'S, Aberdeen.—Hon. Reuben Davis.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, Madison County.—Mr. Elisha W. Harris, J. S. Green, M.D.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER, Dry Grove.—Tho's S. Dabney.

ST. ANDREW'S, Marshall County.—Hon. A. M. Clayton, Edward Crump, F. Long.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Claiborne County.—T. J. Aby, Hon. E. H. McCaleb, William Myles, M.D.

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WEDNESDAY, April 28, 1869.

This being the time and place for the meeting of the Forty-Second Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi, the Rt. Rev. William Mercer Green, D. D., Bishop, called the Council to order, after morning prayer had been said by Rev. G. C. Harris, and W. C. Crane, D. D.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., and Rev. R. Croes, of the Diocese of New York.

The Council Sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Clarke, of Aberdeen.

The List of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Council, as furnished by the Bishop, was then called, and the following Clergy answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. William Mercer Green, D. D.	Rev. George C. Harris.
Rev. Ambrose W. Clarke.	Rev. Henry C. Harris.
Rev. William Croes Crane, D. D.	Rev. Alexander F. Samuels, M. D.
Rev. Charles B. Dana, D. D.	Rev. William M. Pettis.
Rev. William K. Douglas.	Rev. F. A. Shoup.
Rev. John Foster.	Rev. J. T. Pickett.
Rev. Duncan C. Green.	

Credentials of Lay Delegates were called for and laid upon the table from the following Parishes:

St. Andrews, Jackson; St. John's, Aberdeen; Chapel of the Cross, Madison county; Grace, Canton; St. Paul's, Columbus; St. Peter's, Oxford; Christ Church, Holly Springs; Trinity, Natchez; St. Mark's, Raymond; St. John's, Early Grove; St. Andrew's, Marshall county; Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove.

These were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. W. K. Douglas, Mr. R. S. Stith, and Mr. Elisha W. Harris, who, after examination, reported the same as correct.

Whereupon, the report having been received, the list of names was called, and the following Lay Delegates answered and took seats in the Council:

Mr. R. S. Stith, Holly Springs; Mr. E. W. Harris, Madison county; Col. T. E. B. Pegues, Oxford; Dr. John Thompson, Oxford; Dr. — Green, Oxford; Col. John Duncan, Jackson.

A constitutional quorum of the Clergy and Lay Delegates being present, the Bishop declared the Council duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, by unanimous consent, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. J. T. Pickett was re-elected to the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Council.

By consent of the Council, the Secretary appointed the Rev. W. M. Pettis his Assistant.

On motion, Mr. John A. Klein was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

On motion, Clergymen not entitled to seats, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and candidates for Holy Orders, were invited to take seats in Council; whereupon, the Rev. Robert B. Croes, of the Diocese of New York, and Mr. David G. Gunn, a candidate for Holy Orders, were cordially welcomed.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, Rev. Dr. Crane, read the following Report of their proceedings during the past year:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully reports to the Council the following summary of its proceedings for the last Diocesan year:

1868.
 July 13....Signed testimonial recommending David Starke Goodloe to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders.
 Sept. 16....Signed testimonial recommending James S. Johnston, Jr., to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders.
 Dec. 4....Signed the required testimonial recommending Francis A. Shoup to be admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons.
 Dec. 9....Recommended the Rev. Duncan Cameron Green, Deacon, to be Ordained to the Priesthood.
 Also, signed the Canonical testimonial consenting to the consecration of the Rev. Abram N. Littlejohn, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island.
 Dec. 22....Signed testimonial consenting to the consecration of the Rev. William Caswell Doane, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Albany.
 Also, the Canonical concurrence and consent in regard to the election of the Rt. Rev. Henry Champlin Lay, D. D., Missionary Bishop of the South West, to the Diocese of Easton.
 Recommended Joseph Lewis Tucker to be admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons.
1869.
 Feb'y 8....Recommended R. W. Micou to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders.
 Signed testimonial consenting to the consecration of the Rev. F. D. Huntingdon, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York.
 Feb'y 26....Recommended David Griffin Gunn to be received as a candidate for Deacon's Orders. His candidateship to date from Nov, 26, 1867.

W. C. CRANE,
 President of the Committee.

The Bishop announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees, to sit during the Council :

On the Admission of New Congregations.—Rev. William K. Douglas, Mr. R. S. Stith, Mr. Elisha W. Harris.

On the State of the Church.—Rev. H. C. Harris, Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. W. M. Pettis, Rev. Benj. Halstead, Rev. Duncan C. Green, Rev. John Foster, Rev. Chas. B. Dana, D. D.

On Finance.—Col. T. E. B. Pegues, Mr. R. S. Stith, Col. John Duncan, Dr. Green, Mr. Elisha W. Harris.

On Constitution and Canons.—Rev. Charles B. Dana, Rev. J. F. Pickett.

On Diocesan Schools.—Rev. Wm. K. Douglas, Rev. Geo. C. Harris, Dr. John Thompson.

On Unfinished Business.—Rev. A. F. Samuels, M. D., Mr. R. S. Stith.

On motion,

Resolved. That the Council be opened each morning, at ten o'clock, with Morning Prayer, and a Sermon, and continue in Session until 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, adjourned.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OXFORD,

THURSDAY, April 29, 1869.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Dr. Dana and Rev. Mr. Foster. The Sacrament of Baptism was administered by Rev. Dr. Crane to one adult and three infants ; after which, a sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Crane, from St. John XIV : 3.

The business of the Council was then resumed ; the Bishop being in the chair. The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, Col. T. E. B. Pegues was requested to act as Treasurer, *pro tempore*, in the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Klein.

The Bishop read an invitation from the Chancellor of the State University located at this place to visit that Institution of Learning ; which was accepted, and 4 o'clock P. M., on Friday, was designated as a convenient hour for that purpose.

The Bishop then called for the Parochial Reports ; which were laid upon the table and read by the Secretary.

The committee on the admission of New Congregations reported that

they had examined the papers from the Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove, Hinds county, which had been laid before them, and found them to be correct and in due form, and moved the admission of said Congregation into union with this Council. Which was agreed to, and the church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove, was added to the list of Parishes in connection with this Council.

On motion, the Parish of Gethsemane Chapel, Chatawa, was dropped from the list of Parishes.

The Bishop presented a communication signed by the Secretary and Treasurer of the General Convention, calling for the assessment which had been levied on this Diocese, under resolution of the General Convention, to pay the expenses of that body, which was read by the Secretary and referred to the Finance Committee.

Col. John Duncan, Lay Delegate from St. Andrew's Parish, Jackson, appeared and took his seat.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Bishop be authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur among the Trustees of the University of the South from this Diocese during the interval between the meetings of this Council.

The time previously appointed having arrived, the Bishop read his Annual Journal and Address. (See Appendix A.)

On motion,

Resolved, That this Council go into the election of the Diocesan officers for the ensuing year.

The ballot being dispensed with by unanimous consent, the following gentlemen were nominated and elected.

Standing Committee:

Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. Henry C. Harris, Col. John Duncan, Dr. W. T. Balfour.

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Mr. John A. Klein, Col. John Duncan, Hon. Wm. Yerger.

Trustees of General Theological Seminary.

Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Col. John Duncan.

Ecclesiastical Court.

Rev. James A. Fox, Rev. Chas. B. Dana, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. Geo. C. Harris, Rev. W. M. Pettis.

Treasurer of University of the South.

Mr. W. H. H. Green.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of our feeling on the late death of the Hon. Wm. McWillie.

Under this resolution the following gentlemen were appointed: Col. Jno. Duncan, Rev. Duncan C. Green, Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Council of this Diocese be holden in St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, on the last Wednesday in April, 1870.

On motion, adjourned.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OXFORD,

FRIDAY, April 30, 1869.

The Council met at 10 o'clock.

Morning Prayer was said by Rev. A. F. Samuels, M. D., and Rev. A. M. Clarke, the Litany by the Bishop, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Foster from St. John xv: 5.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That that portion of the Bishop's Address relative to the organization of Convocation, be referred to a Special Committee to report this morning.

The Bishop appointed the following Clergymen on said Committee: Rev. Mr. Pettis and Rev. Doctors Dana and Crane.

The following resolutions relating to the Episcopal Residence were offered, and after a prolonged discussion were passed.

Resolved, That we recognize with thankfulness, the overruling Providence which has brought good out of evil, in rendering the enforced removal of our beloved Bishop from his Diocese, the means of his restoration to health.

Resolved, That while we acknowledge our obligations to furnish him a home in our midst, and would have him always among us, we are even more solicitous in regard to his health; and readily acquiesce in the occupancy by himself and family, of his home on the Sewanee Mountain, during the sickly part of the year.

Resolved, That until the Episcopal Residence shall be rebuilt, it will devolve upon the Standing Committee to provide suitable accommodations for the Bishop and his family, for that portion of the year he may think best to reside within the Diocese.

Resolved, That the earnest attention of the members of the church throughout the Diocese, be called to the previous action of the Convention in 1867, in reference to the duty and importance of rebuilding the Bishop's house, and that they are hereby called to give their prompt and liberal offerings to this object.

Resolved, That a special Treasurer of the building fund of the Episcopal residence be appointed by this Convention with whom shall be deposited all monies which have been or shall be raised for this purpose. Said monies, according to our previous action, to be subject to the order of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church property.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Convocations presented the following report:

The Committee on the Subject of Convocation would respectfully report that they have examined the Constitution and plans proposed to be adopted by the Northern Convocation, and think them highly calculated to promote the interests of the Church in this Diocese. And therefore would move: That this Council heartily approve and endorse this system of Convocation, as shown by the action

and purposed plans of the Northern Convocation, and to the end that it may be the more efficiently carried out—that the Diocese be divided into three Convocational Districts; the Northern District to consist of the counties of Washington, Holmes, Atala, Winston and Noxubee and all that portion of the State lying north of these counties; the Middle District, to consist of all that portion of the State situated south of the above mentioned counties.

And the Southern Convocational District to consist of all that portion of the State lying South of this line.

And the Committee recommend that each Convocation appoint some one of its members who shall hold the rank and title of Rural Dean in accordance with ancient usage, to be commissioned by the Bishop, and whose powers and duties shall be defined by the Convocation over which he shall preside, and: That each Convocation have the power of subdivision.

All of which report was unanimously adopted.

On motion, Col. John Duncan was appointed Special Treasurer of all funds which have been, or shall be raised for the erection of the Episcopal residence.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Communication of the Secretary of the General Convention beg leave to recommend the following:

Resolved, That each Rector of a Parish in this Diocese be requested to take up a collection in his church during the month of May, for the purpose of paying the amount assessed and due by this Diocese towards defraying the expenses of the General Convention held in October last, and to forward the same to the Treasurer of the Diocese, who shall forward the amount due at once to the Treasurer of the General Convention; and if more is collected than necessary to that purpose, to place the same to the credit of the fund for paying the Bishop's salary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that in the absence of the Treasurer of the Diocese, or any report from him, they are unable to make any definite statement as to the financial condition of the Diocese. The Committee recommend that the same amounts be assessed on each Parish, for Bishop's salary, and contingent expenses, as that embodied in the assessment roll for 1868, (See Appendix C.)

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1869.

Names.	Location.	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Expenses.
Church,.....	Natchez,	\$350 00	\$45 00
s Church,.....	Vicksburg,.....	375 00	50 00
rew's Church,.....	Jackson,.....	265 00	35 00
s Church,.....	Holly Springs,.....	195 00	25 00
P's Church,.....	Columbus,.....	170 00	20 00
s Church,.....	Church Hill,.....	125 00	15 00
P's Church,.....	Woodville,.....	170 00	20 00
Church,.....	Canton,.....	180 00	15 00
n's Church,.....	Aberdeen,.....	110 00	12 00
er's Church,.....	Oxford,.....	100 00	12 00
Church,.....	Pass Christian,.....	100 00	12 00
"	Yazoo City,.....	100 00	12 00
e's Church,.....	Brandon,.....	95 00	12 00
r Church,.....	Holmes County,.....	70 00	10 00
s Church,.....	Summit,.....	85 00	10 00
ion Church,.....	Hernando,.....	30 00	5 00
of the Nativity,.....	Macon,.....	70 00	10 00
es & St. Paul's Church,...	Port Gibson & Grand Gulf,...	50 00	8 00
an's Church,.....	Bovina,.....	50 00	8 00
k's Church,.....	Raymond,.....	50 00	8 00
ny Church,.....	Claiborne County,.....	40 00	5 00
of the Mediator.....	Meridian,.....	40 00	5 00
at.....	Enterprise.....	40 00	5 00
of the Messiah,.....	Shuqulak,.....	40 00	5 00
of the Good Shepherd,...	Terry,.....	35 00	5 00
n's Church,.....	Lake Washington,.....	35 00	5 00
rew's Church,.....	Marshall County,.....	30 00	5 00
n's Church,.....	Early Grove,.....	30 00	5 00
of the Cross,.....	Madison County,.....	30 00	5 00
of the Savior,.....	Osyka,.....	30 00	5 00
of the Holy Comforter,...	Dry Grove,.....	35 00	5 00
Church,.....	Carrollton,.....	25 00	5 00
phen's,.....	Panola,.....	25 00	5 00
thew's,.....	Clinton,.....	25 00	5 00
e's Church,.....	Corinth,.....	25 00	5 00
"	Okalona,.....	20 00	3 00
of the Holy Communion,...	Warren County,.....	20 00	3 00
of the Advent,.....	Washington County,.....	20 00	3 00
rk's Church,.....	Mississippi City,.....	12 00	2 00
ke's.....	Shieldsboro',.....	5 00	2 00
ilip's.....	Kirkwood,.....	25 00	5 00
o, Lauderdale, Forest,	.....	80 00	10 00
on, Lake, Wahala, Quit-			
State Line, and Gar-			
sville, (Missionary Sta-)			

Committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolu-

lved, That there shall be had in each Parish, on the fourth Sunday's of April, July and October, in every year, or on the succeeding Sunday on which service may be held, a collection for the purpose of raising an amount assessed on such Parish, for the Bishop's salary, and that the amount of each Parish, shall forthwith remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese to be collected.

lved, That all collections on account of the Bishop's salary, shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese, to be by him paid to the Bishop.

3d. Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions, be furnished by the Secretary of the Convention, to each Rector, or to the Senior Warden of each Parish, with directions to have them read to their congregations, on the Sunday preceding the day fixed for the collection.

4th. Resolved, That the Bishop of the Diocese, be requested to furnish the Treasurer of the Diocese, with the name of the Senior Warden, or Treasurer, or some other of the leading members, of each Parish in the Diocese, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to notify such person, quarterly, of the amount due by his or her Parish, and to urge the prompt collection and forwarding of the same.

THOS. E. B. PEGUES, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that, after due and proper examination, the only piece of unfinished business found is that relating to the change of the title "Convention" to that of "Council;" the Preamble and Resolutions relating to which, will be found on page 45 of the Journal of the Forty-First Convention of the P. E. Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, where it is stated, "these resolutions, being put to vote, were passed, and lie over to the next Convention for final adoption;" and the undersigned Committee on Unfinished Business, do earnestly urge and recommend that said resolutions be finally adopted.

ALEX. F. SAMUELS, Chairman, etc.

The preamble and resolution referred to above were taken up, considered, and finally adopted.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Dr. Crane, and Col. John Duncan, for the rest of the session.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Council, on the late death of the Hon. William McWillie, presented the following:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to call to his rest the Hon. William McWillie; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention make this acknowledgment of the invaluable services our late distinguished Brother always zealously and heartily rendered the Church, his fellow-christians, and his fellow-men, in fulfilling the responsible duties of the many offices that could be entrusted to a layman, in living a life of christian love and charity toward his neighbors, in setting an example of integrity of purpose, equity of action, and purity of character, and in meeting the summons to depart in perfect faith and hope in the promises of his Lord.

Resolved, That we unite with his bereaved family in mourning the departure of their head and counsellor, and would strive with them to see in this act of Divine Providence the operations of the will that works only for our good.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

W. C. CRANE,
DUNCAN C. GREEN,
JNO. DUNCAN,
Committee.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OXFORD,

SATURDAY, May 1, 1869.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. D. C. Green and F. A. Shoup, and a Sermon preached by Rev. G. C. Harris, from 1 Cor. 1—26.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered, by the Bishop, to two adults and three infants.

The business session was resumed.

The Minutes of the preceding day's Proceedings were read and approved.

Statement of the Treasurer of the Council.

Received at the Convention held in Grace Church, Canton, April, 1868, from the following Parishes, the sums annexed, assessed upon them for contingent expenses for the Conventional year ending April, 1869:

1868.	
St. Peter's, Oxford,	\$10 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs,	15 00
Trinity Church, Natchez,	60 00
Gethsemane Chapel, Chatawa,	5 00
Epiphany Church, Claiborne county,	5 00
St. Mark's, Raymond,	5 00
St. Andrew's, Marshall county,	5 00
St. John's, Early Grove,	5 00
St. Alban's, Bovina,	5 00
St. Paul's, Columbus,	20 00
Balance in Treasurer's hand from last year,	8 25
June 26. Trinity Church, Yazoo City,	9 50
July 16. St. John's, Aberdeen,	10 00
July 17. St. Andrew's, Jackson,	35 00
July 18. Christ Church, Vicksburg,	50 00
Aug. 4. Trinity, Yazoo City,	4 00
Aug. 11. Grace Church, Canton,	10 00
1869.	
April 12. Holy Communion, Warren county,	3 00
April 29. Chapel of the Cross, Madison county,	5 00
May 1. Ch. of the Ascension, Hernando,	5 00
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Paid for printing Journals, and incidental expenses,	265 00
Due Treasurer for last year,	25

Report of the Committee on Diocesan Schools.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools respectfully report to the Convention:

Owing to the absence from the Convention, from causes not under human control, of the members most directly engaged in Instruction, no reports have been laid before the Committee. The information derived from accessible sources, is too meagre to present to the Council in a statistical form.

The University of the South, an Institution in which the Diocese can have scarcely less interest than if it were located within its borders, has been at last, after many marvelous vicissitudes, opened for the reception of Students. The

Faculty, selected with care, is a most able one. The other advantages are too widely known to need recapitulation. In providing University education for our sons and the candidates for Holy Orders, of the Diocese, to give this long cherished enterprise the preference, is simply a duty.

The School of the Rev. Albert Lyon has recently been removed to a more central location, at Vicksburg. It is hoped that in its new home, it will continue to fulfill the promise of its earlier years.

Wilson Hall, Marshall County, was, in January last, after some peculiar discouragements, opened as a Parochial School. The Rector of the Parish Church, with two Assistants—ladies of his household—have continued to labor in the humble hope of usefulness, and encouraged by some blessed fruits. If it shall please God to remove some present obstacles, it is expected to enlarge the sphere of its operations.

Whatever may be the success of these and other Institutions, which are believed to be, in a measure, prosperous, sufficient has come to the observation of your Committee, to induce sincere regrets. It is sadly evident that far less has been done by the Church than duty demanded.

The scattered dwellings of our people make the diffusion of education, by existing methods, expensive. In former times, this expense was cheerfully borne, and our youth, of both sexes, enduring the pangs of separation from scenes so dear to childhood, were exiled to distant portions of the country and Europe, or in the rural home might be found the private tutor and governess, engaged at salaries most liberal in amount. Hence, in spite of all disadvantages, our people were excelled, in literary culture, by no community in the world. Neither, in their changed condition, is that interest abated. But it is obvious that a different method from any which has hitherto prevailed, must now be adopted. Every successive year exhibits a wider departure from the old order, and demonstrates the necessity of new expedients. And every sign of the times seems to call upon the Church of Christ to do more than she is now doing toward feeding the Lambs of His Fold. Whatever view we may take of that theory of modern times, that it is the duty of the State to educate its citizens, it is obvious that it can excuse no neglect of ours. For passing over, as inappropriate to the present occasion, any allusion to our anomalous civil condition, let us look only at the difficulties arising out of our peculiar social life. The Public School system, which accomplishes so much in some portions of the country, is practicable only, with a comparatively dense and homogeneous population. Even in our most populous counties, the farm houses, instead of clustering in hamlets, are strewn sporadically by the roadsides. Hence, outside of a few of the larger towns, any taxation for the support of free schools must be, to say the least, grossly unequal, and must add onerously to the burdens of communities.

The Church can best meet all these exigencies as it can all the needs of fallen humanity, or otherwise abandon its claim to a Divine origin, and to a continually present Divine power.

The Pastor of a congregation, moving about among his flock, from house to house, may, by prudent counsel, engraft upon his Church-work, many of the humble exertions of his people, for the intellectual training of their children, thus spiritualizing and ennobling labors which might otherwise seem petty and wellnigh useless. There is the greater need of this, since the causes above mentioned interfere, also, with the stated assemblage of the youth of the congregation in Sunday Schools and Catechetical Classes.

To complete this system, in the opinion of your Committee, the Diocese needs, in each of the larger Parishes, a Parochial School of high order of instruction, combined with economy of administration, where board shall be furnished and education conducted, not as a secular business, but as Church-work, wrought in the fear of God, for the love of Christ, and with the prayer-sought aid of the Holy Spirit, where the frivolity and showy specialities of the fashionable Seminary shall give place to the harmony and affection of a Christian household, and to the culture of Sacred music, needle-work, and all those graces and accomplishments not inconsistent with Christian character, but which, when rightly subordinated to higher duties, throw an exquisite charm and loveliness into society.

These are no new sentiments in this Diocese. Even in former times, they were cherished by noble-hearted laymen and laywomen, whose liberal benefactions testified to their convictions. If any shattered fragments remain of these gifts of love, it is a duty to provide that what the tempest has spared be not lost for want of care.

WM. K. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the state of the Church regret to say that in consequence of not having received many of the Parochial Reports, they find themselves unable to present a statistical account of the progress of the Church during the last twelve months. Still, from the information they have gathered from the Bishop's Journal—from conversation with the brethren, and from other sources, they gladly and thankfully declare that there is every reason to "thank God, and take courage" in pressing onward the great work of the Church in our Diocese.

One Church has been erected and solemnly consecrated to the service of Almighty God. This is at Dry Grove, Hinds county, where, through the admirable devotion of a few zealous ladies, and the generous aid of our brethren in the North, a beautiful Sanctuary has arisen in "The Wilderness."

The Church at Mississippi City will, by Divine permission, be consecrated soon. Additions and improvements have been made in several other Parish Churches, particularly in that at Vicksburg, where a large Recess Chancel has been added, and the number of sittings increased. Preparations to rebuild the Church at Jackson, and to erect a new Church at Brandon, are now in active progress.

Some new Missionary points have been opened, and others are about to be occupied, where the Pure Gospel, as taught by the Church, and the simplicity of the Way of Salvation, will be proclaimed to perishing souls.

Three names have been added to our list of candidates for Holy Orders. Three have been admitted to Deacon's Orders. Two have been transferred to another Diocese—leaving the present number eleven.

Our young men are giving more attention than usual to the claims of the Church, and several more of them, we trust, at no distant day, will come forward to take up the cross of their crucified Master, devoting their lives to the work of the sacred ministry.

The comparatively generous yield of the soil, last year, has, in some degree, relieved our people from the most pressing of their pecuniary embarrassments.

These are among the cheering signs which give promise of better days, and add us to give most hearty thanks to the Great Head of the Church for His Providential care and blessing.

In addition to these outward tokens, there is evidently a spiritual increase, which no human eye can measure, or human reason estimate. The fruit of this spiritual growth is manifest in the zeal of the Clergy, and in their unwearied devotion to their Holy duties; and among the Laity, in their readiness to uphold and strengthen the hands of the Clergy, according to the ability which God has given them.

We have long felt the pressing need of a Mission House, a "School of the Prophets," wherein our candidates for Holy Orders might be trained in our own Diocese, and thus enabled to go out Sunday after Sunday and minister as Lay-readers in our vacant Parishes, gathering together the scattered sheep of Christ, and being made practically acquainted with some of the duties and responsibilities of the Holy Office which is before them.

More especially, however, does the Committee commend to the Council the option of some practical mode of collecting together the offerings of the people. These, in a majority of our congregations, are necessarily small, at present. We are sure to gain the strength which united and continued action gives. By putting together all our offerings, small though they be, we shall be enabled to carry on our Missionary work with increased vigor. And especially may we have it in our power to set up the Altars of our King and our Lord, which yet lie prostrate in the dust: and to rebuild the Houses of God which have been destroyed in the South. The small sum of five cents, every week, from each member of our congregations, would place thousands of dollars in our treasury.

We would respectfully remind our people that, in our opinion, the time has come when we ourselves should take hold of the work before us, and cease to depend almost entirely upon the contributions which our Northern brethren have generously made us. And we would embrace this opportunity to return our ungrudging thanks to those brethren of the North, whose hands and hearts have been open, for four years, to the numerous appeals which have been made to them.

In conclusion, we cannot but express, again, this year also, in common with all

our people, our earnest and grateful thanks to Christ our Lord, for the liberal measure of health and strength which He has vouchsafed to our revered and beloved Bishop. Long may he be spared to go out and in among us, with the increasing faithfulness, gentleness, and fatherly love which each year of his Episcopate has seen displayed.

HENRY C. HARRIS, Chairman.

The following preamble and resolution on the subject of permanent Deacons were presented, and after discussion, were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS. The primitive Order of Deacons has come to be only a stage to be passed through to reach the Priesthood; and its character as a permanent Order of the Christian Ministry has always been recognized and taught by the formularies of the Church.

Be it Resolved, That this Council heartily approves of all proper efforts, under the law and the Episcopal guidance for the practical revival of this Order, to perform all the functions of the Diaconate within its own proper limits.

On motion, the following resolutions on the mite system of contributions were adopted:

Resolved, That each Clergyman of the Diocese be requested to recognize and establish, within his Parish or Missionary bounds, some regular and systematic plan of contributions for Diocesan Missions, in the shape of small weekly offerings; the details and execution of the plan, within his own jurisdiction, to be left to each Clergyman.

Resolved, That in furtherance of this object, the Rev. Henry C. Harris be requested, under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, to visit the various Parishes and Mission Stations in the Diocese, and present the subject to the minds of the people, in concurrence with the local Minister.

The following resolution was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Green and Shoup, and Mr. R. S. Stith, to report at the next Annual Council:

Resolved, That the time of the annual meeting of this Council be changed from the last Wednesday in April to the fourth Wednesday in November.

The Council took a recess of twenty minutes to allow a meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society to be held. (For proceedings, see Appendix B.)

There being no other business, after prayer, and singing a hymn, and the Apostolic benediction, the Forty-Second Council of the Diocese of Mississippi was declared adjourned, *sine die*.

WILLIAM MERCER GREEN,

President of the Council.

Attest:

J. T. PICKETT, Secretary.

W. M. PETTIS, Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX—A.

JOURNAL AND ADDRESS

April 1868 to April 1869.

I GREET you once more beloved brethren in the name of our Lord, and am thankful for this renewed opportunity of uniting with you in taking council for the good of this portion of His church. Another year has been given us in our Master's service, and has brought us so much nearer to our great account. It is good for us thus to meet in annual council, and by a review of a twelve-months labor, anticipate that hour, when from a bed of death, we shall look back upon a life of many years, either made up of buried and abused talents, or laid out for the glory of our God, and the good of our fellow-men.

Although in thus once more meeting together, I cannot congratulate you on any remarkable outpouring of God's Spirit upon our labors, or any increase in the number of our Clergy, I am truly thankful to state that the hand of Death has not invaded our ranks, and that in almost every Parish, I have seen enough to cheer my heart, and encourage me to look ere long, for a fuller and richer measure of the Divine blessing.

I will now lay before you the little that your Bishop has been allowed to do in conjunction with your labors:

Saturday & Sunday, May 2d & 3d, following our last Council were spent in Canton. On Saturday evening I gave authoritative baptism to three persons. Eleven were confirmed on Sunday; on which occasion, the sermon was preached by me. Rev. W. Harris assisting, and also officiating in the afternoon. This congregation seems happily reviving from an apathy of one or two years.

Tuesday, May 5th, accompanied by Rev. Messrs. Crane, Sansom, Douglas, Halstead and Green, I went to Raymond to consecrate the church in that place, which, though erected some eight or ten years ago, had but recently been completed and appropriately furnished. The sermon was, at my request, preached by Rev. Dr. Sansom; the rest of the clergy taking part in the various services of the occasion. Nine were confirmed; two of them in private, on account of their inability to get to the church. It was gratifying to me to see the congregation so earnest and hopeful, notwithstanding they had just, with much reluctance parted from their late Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Douglas, and felt their inability to provide for another.

Wednesday, May 6th, Assisted by Rev. Mr. Harris I preached at Hazlehurst in a new, and as yet unused Presbyterian church kindly tendered for the occasion. These were included in the last year's report.

This is, I believe, too, the first time that our services have been held in this place. A large congregation was drawn together to hear and see this "new thing," as they termed it; and many more would have been present, but for the threatening aspect of the evening. We have six or eight Communicants in this place and in the neighboring town of Gallatin, who would most thankfully welcome an occasional visit from a Missionary.

Friday, 8th, reached the church of the Epiphany after a most fatiguing ride, preached, confirmed six person, administered the Holy Communion, and at the request of the Rector, baptized two children.

Tuesday, 10th, At Brookhaven, preached in the Presbyterian Church in the afternoon, and baptized and confirmed one person. Mr. Harris preached at night. An influential citizen of the place has liberally offered to give to the church

two lots very advantageously situated, and large enough for both Church and Rectory. An active Missionary located at this point, might soon make out of it and several adjoining Rail Road Stations, a field of labor ample enough to fill the hands of any one willing to work in so retired a way.

Wednesday, 13th, Preached in "Shieldsboro'" (or the "Bay of St. Louis"); and baptized *one* young person. Before the war the church people of this place felt a good deal encouraged, and were in the act of finishing both a church and Rectory, when the trouble began, which led not only to the destruction of the work that was done, but to the loss of the large and beautiful lot which had been procured for that purpose.

Friday, 15th, was given to Mississippi City, where I preached in the forenoon and confirmed *ten* persons. I was much gratified at seeing quite a respectable number of children gathered together in a Sunday School, instructed by several of the leading ladies in the congregation; and took great pleasure in addressing a few affectionate and encouraging words to both.

At night I preached again in Handsborough; being assisted on both occasions by the Rev. Mr. McCullen who has lately been added to our list of Clergy, and will take charge, for the present, of Mississippi City, Shieldsborough and Biloxi. The neat and capacious church erected at Mississippi City a few years ago, would have been consecrated at this time, if it had not been unintentionally prevented. During my stay I baptized *two* children in private.

Sunday, 17th, I officiated in Pass Christian. The day previous was spent in visiting a number of families. On Sunday forenoon I preached, and confirmed *five* persons; being assisted by Rev. Wm. E. Phillips, who is in temporary charge of the Parish; no regular Pastor having been called since the departure of Rev. Dr. Savage.

Wednesday, 20th, Preached at Osyka in the forenoon; baptized *one* white infant and *two* adults, and confirmed *three* colored persons.

In the afternoon of this day, I was to have laid the Corner-stone of "Gethsemane Chapel," at the School of Rev. Albert Lyon, and to have preached to his Pupils at night; but an hour before the time of service I was suddenly seized with a chill which confined me to my room for nearly three days. Just before I left, I confirmed in Mr. Lyon's parlor *four* young persons, three of whom were his pupils. Our "Candidates for Orders" now in his school are making good progress under his judicious training.

Thursday, 21st, I was, by appointment, to have been at Summit, at 11 A. M., but could not, on account of my feeble health, reach there until late in the afternoon. As I was too unwell to hold the usual service, a number of friends and brethren assembled at the house where I was stopping. After a short address on Confirmation, and some other points of church doctrine and practice, *two* young persons entered into covenant with God and immediately afterwards renewed in confirmation the dedication of themselves to his service.

Friday, 22nd, I had appointed to be at Terry this day at 11 A. M., but was not able to reach there before 2 o'clock the next morning. I was however much gratified to learn that the Rev. Mr. Crane had attended, and besides preaching to a full congregation, had baptized a number both of infants and adults. Several candidates were prevented by my absence from receiving the Laying-on-of-hands. Rev. Mr. Green gives to this place one Sunday in the month.

Sunday, 24th, was given to Brandon, where, assisted by Rev. Mr. Green, I preached both forenoon and evening, baptizing *six* adults and *eleven* children, confirming *nine*. This being the second occasion of Confirmation in this little congregation within one year, shows that its numbers are awake to their own and the Church's interests.

Tuesday, 28th, Reached my family in safety, but in a condition much needing quiet and rest.

July 4th and 5th were spent in Iuka. After visiting a number of families, I preached on Sunday, 5th, in the public room of the Hotel, kindly proffered by the proprietor. The congregation was large, but of a very mixed religious character. The growing reputation of the Mineral Waters of this place is adding rapidly to its population, and increasing the demand for the services of the church. A worthy and influential member of one of the Denominations has generously

ered us a very eligible lot, if we will agree to put upon it a buildidg of goodly pearance. During my stay I baptised *two* adults and *three* infants, and confirmed *two* persons in private.

Friday, 10th, reached Raymond, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Crane, preached 11 o'clock, and confirmed *three* persons.

In the afternoon rode ten miles, to the residence of Col. T. S. Dabney, near which a church had just been built, a large congregation has been got together, and a ghly prosperous Sunday School, undertaken almost solely by the members of sown family. I was indeed no less surprised than thankful to see what a work d been begun, and successfully carried on, by a very few persons, recently ripped of their possessions by the hand of war, but abounding with zeal for the urch of God, and glad to deny themselves and to labor in every way for her od.

Would to God that such an instance of zeal for His House could be more frequently seen amongst us! And why not? There is many a family in this Diocese ith equal ability to labor to the same end; and they know not but that a blessing, equal to that which has been vouchsafed, stands ready to reward their toil. the many destitute neighborhoods within our border there is scarcely one rich, by like exertion and self-denial, aye and I would add, *prayer* and *fasting* o, (for I know that these were among the living stones that entered into this ork of grace of which I am speaking;) there is not one but what would meet th a success which they could hardly hope for. The ground for the church e, and for a place of burial, was presented by a member of the Baptist mmunion. The church though sufficiently completed for use, was not ready r Consecration. On Saturday forenoon, (11th,) I preached to a full house; baptised *one* adult, and confirmed *six*. In the afternoon Dr. Crane preached, and ptized six adults.

Sunday, 12th, I preached again to a still larger congregation, and confirmed *five* rsons. It was truly gratifying to me to see what a number of Sunday School holars had been gathered together in so short a time, and to hear how successfully they had been trained to sing the praises of God, as well as to repeat and nderstand the lessons which had been taught them. Dr. Crane was compelled leave me on Sunday evening; but finding the people still willing to hear, I ade another appointment for the following Thursday, (16th.) when I again eached, baptized *six* adults, and *five* children, and confirmed *nine*. It was with in that I next day left this work of grace still going on; but such was the unedented heat of the weather, and such my exhaustion of both body and ind, that I felt it my duty to do so.

The next day, (*Friday, 17th*), I preached at Terry, where I was met by my son, e Rev. D. C. Green, and assisted in the services. *Three* young persons, daughters of one family, took upon themselves the vows of Confirmation.

The following *Sunday, (19th)*, was spent, on my way home, at Oxford, where I eached both forenoon and afternoon, and baptized *one* adult, and *three* children.

Sunday, Sept. 6th, I preached both forenoon and afternoon in the town of Hunts- lle, Alabama.

Sunday, 20th, preached in the forenoon in "Tracy City," not far from Univer- ty Place.

Sunday, 27th, in St. Augustine Chapel, "University Place," I confirmed *one* rson.

Sunday, Oct. 4th, was spent in Middletown, Connecticut; but I was too unwell en to attend on the services of the day. After enjoying the hospitality of my od Brother, Bishop Williams, I commended my youngest son to his guardian re, and left him to the pursuit of his Theological Studies in that excellent and owing Institution, the "Berkeley Divinity School."

From the 7th to the 29th of this month I was closely engaged in the labors of e General Convention, except when prevented by sickness. Of the transac- ons of that body I need here say but little, as its daily proceedings have been ry widely made known through the columns of the Secular Press, as well as rough our own official publications. But, inasmuch as many, I am sorry to y, *within* the church, as well as without, had foreboded more evil than good from s coming together, I feel it my duty, with thanks to the Giver of all Grace, to y that of the sixteen assemblages of that kind, in which I have taken part, not e has surpassed it either in the ability or zeal of its members, or in their toler- ion, forbearance, and loving kindness towards each other. Additional safe- ards were thrown around our Canonical provisions; a new energy infused

into our Missionary operations; three additional Bishops sent out into our distant Territories; several new Dioceses were welcomed into union with us; and sundry matters discussed, with a view to a more perfect uniformity in our worship, and a more convenient and impartial representation in our future Conventions. Some questions unwisely pressed upon the attention of both Houses were wisely passed over, either as needless in themselves, as endangering the peace of the church, or as more properly belonging to the authorities of each individual Diocese—thus making it doubtful whether more good was done by refraining to act in many cases, or by the wise enactments that were accomplished. No one could have returned from that Convention without a feeling of thankfulness for its wise conservatism, its soundness in the faith, its ardent attachment to our Liturgy, its spirit of toleration toward the weaker brethren, and its power as well as determination to guard the church from extremes on every hand. The Reports from the several Dioceses indicated a strength and growth in the church truly wonderful, and showed that the spirit of Faction, so far as it exists, is confined within narrow limits, and is even divided in its own counsels.

On my return home I remained but four days with my family, as I wished, before the coming severity of the winter, to visit all of the Parishes usually included in my Fall visitations.

Wednesday, Nov. 11th, I preached in Okolona, at 7 P. M., in the Methodist Church, as ours has not yet recovered from the disastrous effects of the late war. At the same time I baptized *one* adult, and *one* infant. I had also, in the previous afternoon, administered the same rite, in private, to *two* children. Next day I preached in St. Cyprian's Chapel to a few whites and a large number of freedmen. It was a real gratification to me to meet again, after six years' separation, a number of these impulsive, warm-hearted creatures who were once profiting by the sober and healthful teachings of the church. Through the demoralizing influence of a freedom for which they were not prepared, they have in too many cases, either thrown off entirely those moral restraints once imposed upon them by their kind and considerate owners, or else have given themselves over to the guidance of Teachers of their own class incapable of instructing them, and too ready to inflame their passions, and set them against the simple and lifegiving truths of God's holy word. Dr. John Tucker, in whose employment many of them are, has for several years been zealously, but not very successfully, laboring to promote their welfare both spiritual and temporal. On my return to Okolona, in the afternoon, I baptized *another* infant.

Friday, 13th, I preached in Aberdeen, and confirmed *three* persons. This congregation, I was glad to see, continues to prosper.

Sunday, 15th, I officiated in Columbus, preaching and baptizing *one* infant. The next day I baptized, in private, *three* children, and confirmed *one* person prevented by sickness from attending the church.

Tuesday, 17th, preached at Macon, in the parlor of one of the congregation, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, baptized *one* infant.

Wednesday, 18th, I preached at the "Church of the Messiah;" administered the Holy Communion, baptized *one* adult, and afterwards confirmed her.

Friday, 20th, preached at DeKalb, baptized *one* child, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *five*. This little flock, though without a Pastor for several years, seems determined to do what they can for themselves, and stand ready to contribute their full share towards the support of a Missionary.

Sunday, 22d, was given to Enterprise. I preached both forenoon and evening; baptized *one* infant, administered the same rite authoritatively to *three* adults, who had previously received it only in its forms, and afterward confirmed *two* of them.

Monday, 23d, I spent at "State Line" with my worthy and venerable friend and brother, Col. Geo. S. Gaines. The weight of more than eighty years is pressing heavily upon his outward frame, but the inner man is sustained in peace and cheerfulness, by the recollection of a wellspent life, and a hope of a better yet to come. At the Railroad Station I baptized *one* infant.

Wednesday, 25th, I spent in Meridian. A continuous fall of rain prevented me from officiating during the day. At night I preached in the Methodist Church; baptized *one* adult, and afterwards confirmed her.

The next day I reached Brandon, but too late to preach at the time appointed, a change of which I was unaware having been recently made in the running of

the trains. I however preached that night, in the Town Academy, to a large and attentive congregation. Their Pastor failed to meet me on this occasion on account of sickness.

Friday, 27th, in Jackson, during a stay of two or three hours, I confirmed a young lady whose home is at a considerable distance from the usual line of my visitations.

Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th, were given to the newly formed Parish at Dry Grove, in Hinds county. Rev. Henry C. Harris, the Rector, and Rev. Mr. Douglas, assisted in the services of both days. On Sunday a large number of the neighbors, too large for the church to hold, assembled to witness, what they had never seen before, the consecration of a church for the use of the living, and of a cemetery for the undisturbed repose of the dead. This solemn ceremony, performed decently and in order, seemed to make a deep and wholesome impression on all who witnessed it. At my request, Rev. Mr. Douglas preached the Consecration Sermon, and that neat and becoming little Temple was solemnly dedicated to God, under the name of "The Church of the Holy Comforter." Too much praise cannot well be bestowed on the few zealous hearts and hands, chiefly of one family, that have so successfully achieved this noble and holy work. May they find a rich reward in seeing it the place where many shall be born unto God.

December 2d, I preached at "Diamond Place," where the Rev. Mr. Laughlin is ministering to a small congregation, and also teaching a small school. For several years he gave his services chiefly to the Freedmen of that and one or two neighboring places. His labors, though gratuitously bestowed, seemed of so little profit to that peculiar and unreasoning people, that he is now devoting his attention to his school, and to the spiritual instruction of a few families in the neighborhood.

Friday, 4th, Vicksburg.—Preached at 11, A. M., in the basement of the church, on account of the additions which were then being made to the size and comfort of the building.

Saturday, 5th, reached Yazoo City, and spent the day in visiting from house to house. The worthy Rector, Rev. Mr. Christian, by an humble walk, and by patient and unwearied attention to the interests of his flock, has won the esteem and affection of the whole community. He was, at this time, absent from his charge, being engaged in soliciting from our Northern brethren means for erecting a Place of Worship for his people. On Sunday, 6th, I made an address to the Sunday Scholars and Teachers; preached both forenoon and afternoon; baptized *one* infant, and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, 8th, had been appropriated to Kirkwood, but finding that I had given myself too little time to get there without seriously interfering with succeeding appointments, I postponed my visit till the Spring.

December 9th and 10th were given to Canton, and especially to the examination and Ordination to the Priesthood of my son, Duncan C. Green. The Sermon was, at my request, preached by the Rev. Dr. Crane, who, together with Rev. Dr. Sansom, and Rev. Mr. Presbury, were my assistants on the occasion. At the evening services Dr. Sansom preached, and baptized *one* adult, and confirmed *eight* persons.

Sunday, 13th, In Jackson, I preached and confirmed *ten* persons. The steady increase of this congregation must be no less gratifying to its faithful Rector than to myself.

Monday, 14th, I reached Lexington. A long continued fall of rain prevented me from officiating next day, as I had appointed, and also from reaching one or two other places which I was to have visited. On the 16th, I confirmed *two* persons, in private. The next day, preached in a temporary, but commodious place of worship, and confirmed *three* persons. The Rev. Mr. Halstead is about to remove to this place, thinking it a more promising field than his present location.

At Oxford, on Sunday, the 20th, I preached, and admitted to the Order of Deacons, Francis A. Shoup, Professor in our State University. Rev. Messrs. Halstead and Pettis assisted in the examination, and in the various services of the occasion. It is hoped that Mr. Shoup will take the Parish under his charge, and give it as much of his attention as he conscientiously can without neglecting his previous, though less important duties to the University. After the conclusion of the services on Sunday, I baptized *one* infant, in private.

I had appointed the Festival of Christmas, and the three preceding days to a visitation of Holly Springs, and the two country Parishes of St. John's and St. Andrew's; but at the earnest request of the Vestry and Congregation of Vicksburg, who had just completed a large addition to their church building, and were very properly desirous of having it devoutly consecrated to God before it was used, I recalled those appointments, or rather postponed them to a more favorable season, in order to comply with this request. Accordingly, on Wednesday, 23d, assisted by Rev. Dr. Sansom, (the Rector,) and the Rev. Messrs. Fox, Lyon and Green, those large and commodious additions to God's House were solemnly dedicated to his service.

On Christmas day I admitted Joseph B. Lyons, a Graduate of Nashotah, to the Order of Deacons, the sermon being preached at my desire by Rev. Mr. Fox. At night the newly Ordained Deacon preached, and I confirmed *fourteen* persons.

Sunday, 27th, I again visited Meridian, and preached in the Baptist Church to a large but mixed congregation. The rapid growth of this Parish demands the services of a Minister; but for want of one active, independent Layman to take the thing in hand, nothing is done from year to year towards procuring the ministrations of the church.

Tuesday, 29th, On my way home, I stopped at Columbus for the purpose of giving Deacon's Orders to Joseph L. Tucker. The Rev. Mr. Pickett and Rev. Robert B. Croes, of the Diocese of New York, assisted me in the examination, the former preaching the Ordination Sermon, and presenting the Candidate,

December 31st, Reached home in health and safety, *Laus Deo!*

March 5, 1869, I set out on my Spring visitation.

Saturday and Sunday, 6th and 7th, was spent in Luka. In the evening of the 6th I baptized *one* adult in private; *Sunday 7th*, I preached at 11 A. M., and at 4 P. M., and confirmed *two* persons. The few friends and members of the church in this place are zealously exerting themselves to erect a place of worship.

Tuesday, 9th, Preached in Hernando, and confirmed *one* person. In the afternoon I confirmed in private a lovely boy, bright in intellect, and truly pious for one of his tender years; but it had pleased God previously to afflict him, and He was soon about to take him to himself. The services of the day were attended by but few, on account of the very unfavorable nature of the weather.

Wednesday, 16th, Preached in Panola, and received from the friends of the church assurances of their readiness to provide for the wants of a Missionary who would give them a portion of his labors.

Friday, 12th, Reached the neighborhood of Woodville, and preached next day at 11 A. M.

Sunday, 14th, Baptized in private *one* infant; at 11 preached to a large congregation and baptized *another* infant. On that same night I gave valid baptism to a number of our communion, who had previously received that rite from two of the sects. This Parish is in much need of a Minister, their late Rector having been obliged to leave them on account of ill health.

Monday 15th, as I passed through St. Francisville, La., I preached at the request of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Johnston.

Wednesday and Thursday, 17th and 18th, I preached both days, in Natchez, confirmed *fifteen* persons, one of whom was colored, and baptized *two* children.

Friday, 19th, Accompanied by Rev. Dr. Dana, I visited Washington. An incessant rain prevented our assembling at the church. At a private house we held our appointed service, where I baptized *one* infant, confirmed *four* persons, and delivered a discourse on those two holy Ordinances. At night, under their own roof, I gave valid, Catholic baptism to *three* persons, who had previously received it from none other than Sectarian hands.

Saturday, 20th, Preached at Church Hill, and baptized *four* children. In the afternoon, in private, baptized *one* white, and *five* colored children. At night gave valid baptism to *one* who had received the baptism only of the Sects.

Sunday, 21st Preached, baptized *three* adults, and *six* infants, confirmed *eight*, administered the Holy Communion, and addressed the congregation on the condition of the Parish, and especially on the necessity of their either purchasing or building a Rectory.

Monday, 22d. Preached at Rodney in the Presbyterian Church, kindly tendered for the occasion, baptized *four* children, confirmed *two* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. This was the first time that our Services were ever witnessed in that place. It was gratifying, therefore, to see the interest which they excited; and as several church families have recently become resident in the place, they propose to make some provision for continuing these services by an arrangement with the adjoining Parish at Church Hill.

Tuesday, 23d. Preached to a very few persons at Grace Church, Jefferson county, in the Wade neighborhood, and in the afternoon, baptized *one* infant, on my way to Port Gibson. Few communities, if any, have been so seriously effected as this, by the late war, whether we regard spiritual or temporal interests. I was detained here beyond my time, by a heavy and continuous fall of rain; but was thankful for the day of rest thus afforded me.

Thursday, 25th. I preached in Port Gibson, and confirmed *one* person. The hopes of this congregation are much raised by the prospect of soon obtaining a settled Minister.

GOOD FRIDAY.

March 26th. was spent in the Parish of Epiphany. After preaching, I baptized *one* adult, and confirmed *three*.

EASTER.

March 28th. This Holy Festival was spent in the new Parish of the "Holy Comforter," at Dry Grove, Hinds county. In the various services of the day, which were of a most interesting kind, I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Burton, and the Rector, Rev. Mr. Harris. In addition to preaching, confirming *four* persons, and administering the Holy Communion, I made an address to the Sunday Scholars, and examined them on a part of the Church Catechism. I was much pleased with the manner in which the several classes of the Sunday School had been trained to perform their parts in singing the praises of God, and presenting their beautiful Easter offerings to be laid upon the altar. The good work, commenced so recently in this place by a few zealous laborers, will, I doubt not, continue to prosper under the supervision and direction of their faithful Rector.

Tuesday, 30th. I preached in Raymond, in the evening, and the next day at 11 A. M.—confirming *eight* persons. At night, I administered the same rite to a sick lady, a few miles in the country, after giving her a valid baptism in the place of that which had previously been administered to her. There is, in this little flock, a love for the Church, and a zeal in her service, that makes it a real pleasure to me to visit them.

March 31st. I preached in Clinton, both forenoon and evening, being assisted by Rev. Mr. Harris, in the services. I baptized *three* infants, and confirmed *three* persons. It was a pleasure to me to place this little, and long destitute flock under the Pastoral care of Mr. Harris.

April 1st. Preached at Bovina, and confirmed *one* person. Although it rained heavily during the time of our assembling, a goodly number of friends and brethren were present. The spirits of the people have been kept up, and their devotion encouraged by the occasional services of Rev. Mr. Fox, and the assiduous Lay-reading of one of our candidates for Orders. The following night, at one of the houses of the congregation, I confirmed the *mother* of a family, after giving her and her *four* sons a valid baptism, and also baptizing *three* white, and *thirteen* colored children.

April 3d and 4th. Spent in Vicksburg. Besides visiting a number of families on Saturday, I preached on Sunday forenoon; addressed the children of the Sunday School in the afternoon; preached again at night, and confirmed *ten* persons. This Parish continues to prosper under its present faithful Rector. The large number of pews lately added to the Church, are nearly all filled, and the Sunday School, well ordered and instructed as it is, gives promise, with its one hundred and fifty scholars, to be a fruitful nursery of the Church, for some time to come.

Tuesday, April 6th. At Jackson, I preached at night, to a large congregation, and confirmed *eight* persons. It is very gratifying to me to witness the steady growth of this congregation, and to see the evident interest in spiritual things which is rewarding the zealous labors of their worthy Pastor. After much and apparently unavoidable delay, I was glad to find them prepared to set about erecting their Church, without delay.

Wednesday April 7th. I preached in Brandon, at night, assisted by my son, in the services. Next day, preached again; catechized the children of the Sunday School, and confirmed *two* persons. I was pleased to see that measures had been taken to commence, at once, the building of their Church.

Saturday, 10th. I preached at the Chapel of the Cross, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. George C. Harris. It was a gratification to me to meet so large a congregation on a week day, and especially to see among them so many colored persons. Mr. Harris, at my request, will soon extend his labors to several other places within the county.

Sunday, 11th, was spent in Canton, where I preached in the forenoon, and at the evening service made an address to the Sunday School children after examining them in the Catechism.

Tuesday, 13th. preached at Kirkwood, and confirmed *five* persons, four of whom were grand-children of that most excellent brother, the late Governor McWillie; a man who was justly esteemed for his private virtues even more than for his public services; who, by his example as well as precepts, trained a numerous family in the way of holiness, and left them a name of more value to them than if they were inheritors of the large estate of which he was once the possessor. The departure of this pious Patriarch of a numerous family is a loss that may justly be deplored by the whole Diocese, as well as by those who looked up to him for support and guidance in the pathway of life. It may be truly said of him, that no man, who mingled as much as he did in political life, ever came out of it with cleaner hands or with a fuller or more consoling conviction that he had executed his trust to the extent of his ability. Though called to suffer much in his last sickness, he illustrated by a patient endurance the comfort and reward that may be expected to follow a life of sincere and persistent devotion to the service of God. Rode to Goodman that afternoon, and preached at night. This was the first time that our services were ever witnessed in this place. My discourse was on the distinctive characteristics of the Church, and were listened to with much apparent interest.

Thursday, 15th, assisted by Rev. Mr. Halstead, I preached to a large congregation at Vaiden, on the Central Road, and baptized *one* infant. Mr. Halstead has lately commenced officiating at this place once a month, and hopes to establish a permanent Parish. One wealthy and generous friend has offered one thousand dollars towards the erection of a Church. At night I confirmed *one* person, in private, at the house of a friend nine miles from Vaiden.

Saturday, 17th, preached at Calvary Church, confirmed *three* persons, and, assisted by the Rector, administered the Holy Communion. The congregation was not as large as usual on account of the heavy rain which fell the previous night, and swelled the neighboring streams.

Sunday, 18th, endeavored to reach Lexington, but was turned back by the impassable condition of the intervening streams. The service, however, which I had hoped to hold with a larger congregation, was performed in the parlor of one of our Mother's-in-Israel (and much to the gratification of herself and family.)

The next day I attempted to reach Carrollton, but was again delayed by a swollen stream, and next by a broken bridge. Whilst waiting for the falling of the waters, I gave authoritative baptism to *three* persons, the oldest of whom had been a member of one of the Denominations for many years. Owing to these hindrances I was not able to meet my appointment for Tuesday forenoon. In the afternoon I preached, baptized *three* children, confirmed *six* persons, and at night united a couple in holy matrimony. The next day I preached again, gave authoritative baptism to *one* adult, and confirmed *two* more. I was much gratified at seeing the good beginning which the Church has here made under the labors of the Rev. Mr. Samuels. At Winona, where he also officiates once a month, his work has been checked by the recent removal of several families attached to the Church, and by the want of a convenient place of worship. I preached in the afternoon of the 22d, and baptized *two* children in private, in addition to *one* baptized the preceding evening.

April 23d, I reached Grenada, but was prevented from officiating in any way by the continuance of the rain. This is another point at which Mr. Samuels labors, but it is amidst much opposition from without, and great timidity on the part of those who prefer our services.

Saturday, 24th, reached Holly Springs at 4, A. M., preached at 11, and was prevented by the threatening aspect of the weather from officiating again at night.

Sunday, 25th, I preached in the forenoon, and confirmed *eleven* persons. In the afternoon I was compelled to go on my way, in order to fulfill my next appointment.

Monday, 26th, with difficulty I reached Early Grove just as the people were assembling for service, and when few were expecting me. I preached to a congregation unexpectedly large, considering the heavy rain which had for some hours been falling. At the close of the sermon I catechized the children of the Sunday School, and was highly gratified both at the number present and at the careful and successful manner in which they had been instructed. The number in attendance, and the evident interest which they take in their studies afford good hope for the future growth and prosperity of that Parish, under its present laborious and faithful Pastor.

Wednesday, 28th, in Oxford, baptized and confirmed *one* person.

Thus closes the account of my year's labors. May God forgive my shortcomings, and bless the little that has been done, to the glory of His name.

The number confirmed is *two hundred and thirty-eight*, four of whom were colored. I have baptized *forty-nine* adults, of whom two were colored, and *ninety-five* infants, ten of whom were colored. *One hundred and forty-four* in all. One Deacon, Rev. Duncan C. Green, has been raised to the Priesthood; and Messrs. Francis A. Shoup, Joseph L. Tucker and Joseph B. Lyons have been admitted to Deacons' Orders.

Two Churches have been Consecrated, viz: St. Mark's Church, Raymond, and Church of the Holy Comforter, Hinds county.

Three Candidates for Orders have been added to our list, viz: David S. Goodloe, James S. Johnston, Jr., and Richard W. Micou.

Two, viz: George R. Upton and Charles A. Cameron have been, at their request, transferred to the Diocese of Louisiana. Francis A. Shoup, Joseph L. Tucker, Joseph B. Lyons, and Alexander F. Samuels, M. D., have been ordained Deacons. William H. Trezevant and Edwin J. K. Lessel are pursuing their studies at Annandale, New York; and James P. Lytton and Stephen H. Green are in the Berkeley Divinity School of Middletown, Connecticut.

Our present list consists of David G. Gunn, Henry U. McKinney, Stephen H. Green, Duncan Savage, Arnold Hannum, James P. Lytton, David S. Goodloe, James S. Johnston, Jr., Richard W. Micou, Edwin J. K. Lessel and William H. Trezevant.

On the List of Clergy, the following changes have taken place:

Rev. John Charles Adams has been transferred to the Diocese of Minnesota, Rev. F. W. Boyd to the Diocese of Illinois, Rev. Edw'd Fontaine to the Diocese of Louisiana, and the Revs. John Hewitt and Wm. McCallen to the Diocese of Maryland.

The Rev. Albert Lyon has removed from Chatawa, and has established the "St. Stephen's" Academy in Vicksburg. Rev. Wm. E. Phillips has taken the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Pass Christian, in addition to his Male School at that place. Rev. Alex. F. Samuels has been put in charge of Carrollton, Winona and Grenada. Rev. Dr. Savage is acting as Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Department, New York. Rev. F. A. Shoup is officiating in St. Peter's Church, Oxford. Rev. Henry C. Harris is in charge of the "Church of the Holy Comforter," at Dry Grove, and of several adjoining Stations.

Of the Schools of the Diocese little can be said, as little has been done in that direction since our late troubles. The Rev. Albert Lyon's School, recently opened in Vicksburg, has already taken a high position, but has not as yet assumed that decided Church character which gave such efficiency to his enterprise at Chatawa. Rev. William E. Phillips has a flourishing Male School at Pass Christian, and "Wilson Hall," at Early Grove, will, I trust, prove a fruitful nursery for the Church, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Douglas.

It gives me no little pleasure, whilst on this subject, to inform you of the favorable auspices under which the exercises of the "University of the South" have commenced. Its doors were opened on the 10th of February, with an able Faculty under a Head-Master well and widely known for his ability to organize and direct such an Institution. Although our first term has but recently commenced, our rooms are already more than half filled, and it is believed that before its close we shall feel straightened in our present accommodations. The many advantages of this location, arising out of its healthfulness, its accessibility, and its central position, have been so often presented to our people, that it is not necessary here to repeat them. To these may be added the unequalled low rate of charges for tuition and board, the absence of all temptation and opportu-

nity for vicious indulgencies, the moral and religious influences that pervade the place, and a corps of Instructors that would adorn any College in our land. It rejoices my heart to know that we can offer to our people such a safe refuge for their sons from the usual dangers of a School and College life, as well as from the besetting diseases of our Southern climate; where, as they grow in stature and in vigor of body, their minds can be trained in all useful knowledge, and their hearts moulded in the spirit and forms of true godliness. It is with an unbounded confidence in the character of this Institution of our Church that I bespeak for it your earnest prayers, and your generous contributions also, so soon as our people begin to arise from their present state of poverty and depression.

In noting, as I have done, the removal of five of our Clergy within the last year, I cannot refrain from stating, that in almost each of those cases, the moving cause was a lack of reasonable support. And with regard to those who remain to labor with us the same may be said. Our band of workmen is small, but I rejoice in bearing witness to the fidelity with which they work, and the uncomplaining patience with which they bear the privations to which their very limited salaries and the present high prices subject them. Remember, dear brethren of the Laity, that your Pastors are no hirelings working merely for the wages that you please to give them; they are God's Ministers who come to you in Christ's stead, and of whom He has said "Whosoever receiveth you, receiveth me." Take heed then, lest in failing to promote the comfort of your Pastors and their families, you fail equally to supply the wants of Him who is pleased thus to identify Himself with His Ministers, and thus lose the reward which is due even to him "who gives a cup of cold water" to one of His Disciples. The faithful Minister of God has a right not merely to a bare competence, but to a sum sufficient to educate his children, to maintain his family in respectable circumstances, and even by a becoming frugality to lay up something against a time of disability and old age. Think of this, my brethren of the Laity, and when you return to your homes, see if you cannot increase the compensation of your Pastors, and thus make them more able, if not more willing, to labor for your good. And be not content, brethren, only to pay them what is justly due, strengthen their hands by your prayers, and labor also with them. No one can tell how greatly, nay how doubly useful the Pastor of a people may be, if seconded and assisted by one active Layman. One such in every Parish would soon add materially to our strength as a Diocese, and give us a rank in the Church which we can hardly hope otherwise to attain.

Brethren of the Clergy, whilst I freely commend you for preaching Christ in all fidelity, let me ask you, if you are diligent in looking among your flock for young men of serious minds, and turning their views in the direction of the Ministry. It not unfrequently happens that a word only is necessary to turn the wavering and aimless purpose of a young heart to the service of God's altar. Let that word then not fail to be spoken. In the experience of your Bishop, such words have again and again been blessed far beyond what he expected. And be not afraid to hold out to every such young man of sincere piety, the expectation of a competent education for the Ministry. If we cannot give it ourselves, we know that there are others ready and able to assure all needful preparation and instruction to as many as we may commend to their care, either by receiving them into one of their Theological Institutions, or, else by supporting them at our own "University of the South."

I cannot but again make my thankful acknowledgments to our "Domestic Missionary Society," for the aid which it continues to give me in supporting the Missionaries of my Diocese, and in eking out the salaries of some of our settled Pastors. Without its aid, sad indeed would have been our condition during the last four years. I trust, dear brethren, that as soon as God gives us the ability we shall cheerfully and liberally do our part toward increasing its means of doing good.

Whilst thus acknowledging our indebtedness to that Society, let me, once more, in your name and mine, thank those kind friends and brethren at the North, who have sympathized with us in our privations, and, by supplies of clothing and other things, have largely contributed to the comfort of our Clergy. Together with our thanks, let us also offer up our prayers, that for these temporal good things, God may bless them with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

I have been lately gratified at seeing, among some of my Clergy, a reviving desire to establish a system of Convocations within the Diocese. Such meetings, when wisely ordered and zealously and prayerfully sustained, may be made productive of much good. Most heartily will I give them my blessings and my co-operation.

But a moment longer will I detain you, brethren, whilst I press upon you the necessity of some regular system of contributing to the funds of the Church, in place of the few irregular and spasmodic efforts by which we have hitherto ineffectually endeavored to accomplish that work. It is only by concerted and continuous action, that we can effect what we need. I feel confident that, by going to work in that way, we may soon be able to meet all the wants of the Diocese, and I trust that before we separate, some plan may be devised and recommended by this Convention which will put it in the power of every child, as well as Friend and Communicant of the Church, by the contribution of a small sum, weekly, to help in giving a new and prosperous face to our labors for Christ.

Let me once more commend to you, brethren, that excellent paper, the "Church Register," now, as I hope, firmly established in our midst. It is deserving of our warmest approval, as a sound exponent of Church principles, and an instructive visitor to our Households and Parishes. In no more successful way could our Clergy promote a growth of sound knowledge and Church practice among their people, than by introducing it into the families of their respective Parishes.

I will no longer detain you, brethren, from the work which is before you. Take, each one of you, my blessing, as you have, already, my love and my prayers, and may the spirit of Christ direct your counsels to the good of His Church, and the glory of His own name.

Your loving Pastor,

W. M. GREEN.

OXFORD, April 23, 1869.

APPENDIX B.

Proceedings of the Diocesan Missiionary Society.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Saturday afternoon, May 1st, in St. Peter's Church, Oxford.

The Rt. Rev. W. M. GREEN, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, President, called the meeting to order.

On motion,

The Rev. H. C. HARRIS was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The late Rev. Secretary and Treasurer, owing to the fact that no business had been transacted during the past year, made no report, except that he had kept the books safely.

On motion,

The following Vice-Presidents were unanimously elected:

1st. REV. F. SAMUELS.

2d. MR. R. S. STITH.

3d. MR. J. A. KAUSLER.

The following gentlemen were duly elected Managers: Rev. W. K. DOUGLAS, Dr. W. T. BALFOUR, Prof. C. W. SEARS, and Mr. ELISHA HARRIS.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That each Rector be requested to urge upon his Parishoners the duty of sustaining our Home Missions to the extent of their ability.

There being no further business, the Society adjourned to meet at the next Council, unless sooner specially convened.

H. C. HARRIS,

Secretary and Treasurer.

OXFORD, May 1, 1869.

APPENDIX C.
REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN TREASURER,
To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi.

At the last Report, April 30, 1868, the Diocese was in arrears to the Bishop, for salary, in the sum of \$960 39, and, down to the present date, there has been paid him, on account, the sum of \$2,795 70.

This leaves a balance due the Bishop, of.....\$1,164 69

Assessment Roll for 1868 and 1869.

CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	ASSESSED.	PAID.
1 Trinity Church,.....	Natchez,.....	\$350 00	\$321 00
2 Christ Church,.....	Vicksburg,.....	375 00	375 00
3 St. Andrew,.....	Jackson,.....	265 00	180 00
4 Christ,.....	Holly Springs,.....	195 00	25 00
5 St. Paul,.....	Woodville,.....	170 00	91 05
6 St. Paul,.....	Columbus,.....	170 00	83 55
7 Christ,.....	Church Hill,.....	125 00	100 00
8 Grace,.....	Canton,.....	130 00	130 00
9 St. John,.....	Aberdeen,.....	110 00	110 00
10 St. Peter,.....	Oxford,.....	100 00	100 00
11 Trinity,.....	Pass Christian,.....	100 00	.....
12 Trinity,.....	Yazoo City,.....	100 00	100 00
13 St. Luke,.....	Brandon,.....	95 00	75 00
14 Calvary,.....	Holmes County,.....	70 00	70 62
15 Christ,.....	Summit,.....	85 00	.....
16 Ascension,.....	Hernando,.....	30 00	30 00
17 Church of the Nativity,.....	Macon,.....	70 00	50 00
18 St. James and St. Paul,.....	Port Gibson & Grand Gulf,.....	50 00	50 00
19 St. Alban's,.....	Bovina,.....	50 00	50 00
20 St. Mark,.....	Raymond,.....	50 00	30 00
21 Epiphany,.....	Claiborne County,.....	40 00	40 00
22 Church of the Mediator,.....	Meridian,.....	40 00	.....
23 Church at Enterprise,.....	Enterprise,.....	40 00	.....
24 Church of the Messiah,.....	Shuqulak,.....	40 00	20 00
25 Church of the Good Shepherd,.....	Terry,.....	35 00	.....
26 St. Andrew,.....	Marshall County,.....	30 00	.....
27 St. John,.....	Early Grove,.....	30 00	20 00
28 St. John,.....	Lake Washington,.....	35 00	.....
29 Chapel of the Cross,.....	Madison County,.....	30 00	80 00
30 Church of the Saviour,.....	Osyka,.....	30 00	15 00
31 Gethsemane Chapel,.....	Chatawa,.....	35 00	.....
32 Grace,.....	Carrollton,.....	25 00	25 00
33 St. Stephen's,.....	Panola,.....	25 00	20 00
34 St. Matthew,.....	Clinton,.....	25 00	10 00
35 St. Jude,.....	Corinth,.....	25 00	.....
36 Grace,.....	Okalona,.....	20 00	10 00
37 Chapel of Holy Communion,.....	Warren County,.....	20 00	20 00
38 Church of the Advent,.....	Washington County,.....	12 00	.....
39 St. Mark,.....	Mississippi City,.....	12 00	.....
40 St. Philip,.....	Kirkwood,.....	25 00	27 50
41 St. Luke,.....	Shieldsboro,.....	5 00	.....
42 Holy Comforter,.....	Dry Grove,.....	25 00	25 00
43 DeKalb, Lauderdale, Forest, Morton, Lake, Wahala, Quitman, State Line, Garlandville, Missionary Stations,.....		80 00	10 00
Total,.....		\$3374 00	\$2248 72

The above Report was received after the adjournment of the Council.

of the foregoing assessment, there has been remitted to this office, and paid to Bishop, the sum of \$2,243 72, which leaves a balance due from said parties, to hop's salary, of \$1,180 28 for the year just ended.

In addition to the above, the following sums have been paid on account of arrears of Bishop's salary for last year:

Alban's,.....	Bovina,.....	\$13 50
ist Church,.....	Vicksburg,.....	22 55
Alban's,	Bovina, (over-paid,).....	16 00
ce,.....	Canton,.....	55 00
pel of the Cross,.....	Madison county,.....	40 00
nity,	Yazoo City,.....	15 00—\$162 05
ceived from Pass Christian, as a present to the Bishop, and remitted to him,.....		25 00
ount advanced by the Diocesan Treasurer to the Bishop,.....		488 77
ceived on account of Assessment Roll, as before stated,.....		2,243 72

Making total receipts,.....\$2,919 55

of payments having been made on account of the Episcopal Fund since the Convention, it remains the same, with accrued interest, as follows:

NAME.	DATE.	PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.
J. M. Ewing,.....	April 1, 1862.....	\$100 00	\$70 00
Wm. Yerger,.....	April 1, 1860.....	500 00	454 16
D. Stewart,.....	Sept. 1, 1861.....	125 00	95 88
W. D. Bibb,.....	June 1, 1861.....	200 00	158 39
D. Shields,.....	Jan'y 1, 1863.....	200 00	96 66
W. B. Shields,.....	May 1, 1863.....	200 00	120 00
E. J. Hinton,.....	April 1, 1860.....	250 00	225 00
W. C. Smedes,.....	Jan'y 1, 1863.....	500 00	316 00
E. M. Yerger,.....	Jan'y 1, 1864.....	1000 00	533 60
E. A. & G. R. Fall,.....	Feb. 20, 1866.....	2500 00	637 55
Accrued interest to May 1. 1869,.....		\$5575 00	\$2696 65
Total,.....		\$8271 64	

of reports have been received during the past year from the following Parishes:

nity,.....	Pass Christian.	St. Mark,.....	Mississippi City.
rch of the Media-		Christ,.....	Summit.
or,.....	Meridian.	Church at.....	Enterprise.
rch of the Good		St. Andrew,.....	Marshall county.
hepherd,.....	Terry.	Gethsemane Chapel,...	Chatawa.
John,.....	Lake Washington.	Church of the Advent, Washington.	
Jude,.....	Corinth.	St. Jude,.....	Shieldsboro'.

of accounts show a balance due and unpaid on assessment for the Bishop's salary for 1867 and 1868,.....\$2,227 37
 of 1868 and 1869, 1,180 28
 \$3,357 65

which fact we particularly call the attention of the Clergy, that they may endeavor to make speedy remittance, to enable us to pay our worthy and much loved Bishop the balance due him for salary, which should be done as soon as possible, and our Bishop relieved from his necessities.

Annexed is an exhibit of the Treasurer's Cash Account, showing receipts and disbursements for the year past.

Appendix D.] JOHN A. KLEIN, Treasurer of the Diocese,

1868.		Dr.	
May	1 To Christ Church	Vicksburg	96 5
"	1 St. Alban's	Bovina	23 50
"	1 Trinity	Yazoo City	60 00
"	1 Church of the Saviour	Osyka	15 00
"	1 Christ	Vicksburg	94 95
October	32 St. Alban's	Bovina	22 00
"	22 St. John's	Aberdeen	25 00
"	22 St. Peter	Oxford	38 50
Nov.	11 St. John	Aberdeen	30 00
Dec.	12 St. Alban's	Bovina	14 50
"	12 Calvary	Holmes County	33 12
"	12 Christ	Vicksburg	11 00
"	25 St. Andrew	Jackson	40 00
1869.			
Jan'y	1 St. Mark	Raymond	30 00
"	1 Chapel of the Holy Communion	Diamond Place	20 00
"	1 St. Matthew	Clinton	10 00
Febr'y	7 St. Paul	Columbus	65 75
"	7 St. Andrew	Jackson	75 00
"	7 Grace	Canton	85 00
March	10 Christ	Vicksburg	111 30
"	10 St. John	Early Grove	20 00
"	10 St. John	Aberdeen	25 00
April	4 Christ	Vicksburg	85 00
	St. Albans	Bovina	14 50
	Trinity, (present for Bishop)	Pass Christian	25 00
	St. Paul	Woodville	10 00
	Trinity	Natchez	87 65
	Grace	Okolona	10 00
	Trinity	Yazoo City	15 00
	Church of the Nativity	Macon	50 00
	Church of the Messiah	Shuqulak	20 00
	St. Peter	Oxford	30 00
	Ascension	Hernando	20 00
	St. Stephen	Panola	20 00
	St. Paul	Woodville	81 05
	Christ	Church Hill	10 00
	St. James	Port Gibson	50 00
	Epiphany	Claiborne County	40 00
	Church at —	Dry Grove	25 00
	St. Albans	Bovina	5 00
	St. Luke	Brandon	75 00
	St. Philip	Kirkwood	27 50
	Calvary	Holmes County	37 50
	Trinity	Natchez	16 30
	Trinity	Yazoo City	50 00
	St. Andrew	Jackson	30 00
	Chapel of the Cross	Madison County	30 00
	St. John	Aberdeen	30 00
	Grace	Carrollton	25 00
	Church at —	Winona	5 00
	Church at —	Elliott Station, Miss.	5 00
	Chapel of the Cross	Madison County	40 00
	St. Andrew	Jackson	35 00
	Chris	Holly Springs	25 00
	Ascension, (Hernando,)	Hernando	10 00
	Trinity	Natchez	217 15
	St. Paul	Columbus	17 80
	St. Peter	Oxford	31 25
	Grace	Canton	100 00
	Balance due Treasurer		488 18
			2019 55

In Account With Episcopal Fund and Bishop's Salary.

1868.		Cr.	
August	7	By Amount advanced to Bishop.....	500 00
October	7	Christ Church, Vicksburg, to Bishop.....	94 95
"	7	St. John, Aberdeen.....	30 00
Nov'r	30	St. John, Ab-rdeen.....	25 00
		Amount paid.....	100 00
		St. Andrew Jackson.....	40 00
		St. Paul, Columbus.....	65 75
1869.			
Febr'y	17	Amount paid.....	400 00
		Grace, Canton.....	85 00
		St. Andrew Jackson.....	75 00
		Amount paid d't of Rev. J. T. Pickett. exp. Gen. Conv.	98 00
		Christ Church, Vicksburg, paid to Bishop.....	85 95
		Trinity, Pass Christian, Christmas present to Bishop...	25 00
		Amount paid to Bishop, as per his receipt.....	212 65
		".....	481 05
		St. Andrew, Jackson, paid to Bishop.....	30 00
		Chapel of the Cross, Madison County, paid to Bishop...	30 00
		Amount paid to Bishop, as per receipt, at Convention...	441 20
		Grace Church, Canton, paid to Bishop.....	100 00
			2919 55
		By balance due Treasurer.....	488 18
			—
		Due the Bishop prior to this year.....	960 89
		Due the Bishop, Salary for 1868 and 1869.....	3000 00
			3960 89
		Amount paid on same.....	2795 70
			—
		Balance now due on same.....	1164 69

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. KLEIN, Treasurer.

MAY, 1869.

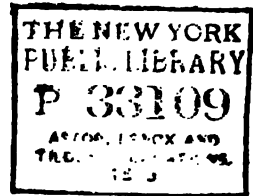
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	Current year.	Last year.....	Current year.	Last year.....	Received.....	Expended.....	On hand.....
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ist,...	14		14		3550 00	3531 42	
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Paul...		3	3	6	617 83	617 83	
nity,...		2		6	105 38	104 60	3 27
ist,...	5	4	8	3	255 98	313 00	2 50
Joh...	1	6	8	3	329 33	329 33	
Philip...			4				
ce,...	3		6		310 00	310 00	
Peter...	2		1		190 00	190 00	
Luke...			1	1	2498 00	558 71	2139 30
James...					88 25	80 05	
pel of...	3	3	5	4	110 90	110 90	
John...	3		5		160 75	260 75	
Mark...					97 00	97 00	
Shany...	11	3	4	2	55 55	55 50	
nsion...			8		46 90	10 85	
sions...					35 00	35 00	
Paul's...			2		137 00	137 20	
Andre...							
Com...			1		4650 00	4650 00	
pel of...		2			182 50	535 50	

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and C. Laughlin, Rector, Chapel of the Holy Communion,
ten County, P. O., Vicksburg.
n. W. Lord, D. D., Rector, Church of the Holy Trinity,
sburg.
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Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rector, Christ Church, Vicksburg.

Rev. Alex. H. Samuels, M. D., Rector, Grace Church, Carrollton, and Missionary on Central Railroad.

†*Rev. George W. Stickney,* Ministering to Church of the Mediator, Meridian, etc.

**Rev. Joseph L. Tucker,* Rector, St. Paul's Church, Columbus. .

DEACONS.

Rev. David C. Gunn, Missionary to Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry, etc.

**Rev. Joseph B. Lyons.*

*Absent from Council.

†Not entitled to Seats.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Henry N. McKinney,
James P. Lytton,
A. Hannum,
Edwin J. K. Lessel,
Isaac N. Lawson,
Heber O. Crane.

Stephen H. Green,
Duncan Savage,
Richard W. Micou,
Wm. H. Trezevant,
James H. Flewellyn.

List of Lay Delegates.

THOSE MARKED THUS * PRESENT AT THE COUNCIL.

ST. LUKE'S, Brandon.—Dr. T. J. Catchings, *P. Macfarlane. Alternates—*W. B. Shelby, E. W. Smith.

ST. JAMES', Port Gibson.—Dr. S. C. Martin, W. F. Maury.

CHRIST, Vicksburg—*Dr. W. T. Balfour, P. W. Shearer, *W. W. Allein. Alternates—*Hon. H. F. Simrall, Richard Richardson, Giles M. Hillyer.

CHRIST, Church Hill.—*James S. Johnston, Robert Cox, Wade Harrison.

GRACE, Carrollton.—Summerfield Sanders, George Wellers.

MEDIATOR, Meridian.—Jno. Armstrong, A. McMillan, Dr. George E. Redwood.

ST. JOHN'S, Aberdeen.—Hon. J. M. Acker, Hon. Jno. O'Connor.

ST. ALBANS, Bovina.—*Dr. Wm. Barr, *A. Hannum.

ST. PAUL'S, Woodville.—J. B. McGehec, Edwin A. Robinson.

GOOD SHEPHERD, Terry.—*Wm. H. Fitzhugh, Wm. H. Tribette.

CALVARY, Holmes Co.—Robert K. Jones, James T. Meade.

ST. ANDREW'S, Jackson.—Hon. Wm. Yerger, *John Dunacn, Geo. Fearn. Alternates—*Thos. Palmer, *Dr. Thos. J. Mitchell, *H. W. Pierce.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, Madison Co.—*Edwin Harris, *W. Voigt.

ST. PHILLIPS, Kirkwood.—*Thos. A. McWillie.

HOLY TRINITY, Vicksburg.—*Jno. A. Klein, *T. A. Marshall, P. F. Whitehead. Alternates—Judge J. W. M. Harris, *Oliver Matthews, Wm. A. Fairchild.

GRACE, Canton.—Judge Wm. S. Bailey, Judge C. C. Shackelford, A. Sneed. Alternates—S. S. Calhoon, S. L. Mosby, T. C. Tupper.

TRINITY, Natchez.—*Hon. Alex. Montgomery, Dr. Walter Bondurant, Dr. Spencer Wood. Alternates—Jno. Ralles, Dr. C. Colhoun, Hon. Jos. D. Shields.

NATIVITY, Macon.—E. V. Gates, N. M. Gooch, Mr. Ward.

CHRIST, Holly Springs.—*Rd. S. Stith, Kinloch Falconer, Dr. F. W. Dancy. Alternates—Wm. Clark, Col. H. W. Walker, M. Howard Falconer.

ST. PETER'S, Oxford.—*T. E. B. Pegues, *Dr. Jno. Thompson, A. H. Pegues.

HOLY COMFORTER, Dry Grove.—*E. H. Dabney.

TRINITY, Yazoo City.—Wm. J. Royster, Col. Wm. H. Johnston, Maj. H. H. Chalmers, Hon. Kenneth Raynor.

NATIVITY, Water Valley.—*Wm. H. Threshley.

GRACE CHAPEL, Grenada.—S. S. Angevine, Dr. J. Weatherley.

ST. JAMES', Greenville.—Wm. H. Hunter, E. P. Bryne, J. H. Beardslee.



Proceedings of the Council.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH PARISH,

JACKSON, April 27, 1870.

THIS being the time and place for the meeting of the Forty-Third Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, the members of the Council assembled with the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, in the Masonic Hall, for Divine Service.

Morning prayer was said by Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., and Rev. Willard Presbury.

The Council Sermon was preached by Rev. W. K. Douglas, from Acts xviii, 3.

The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Drs. Crane and Sansom.

After services, the Council was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, the Secretary of the Standing Committee being Secretary of the Council, *pro tem*.

The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Council was then called, and the following were found to be present :

Rt. Rev. Wm. M. Green, D. D.	Rev. Wm. H. Burton.
Rev. Ambrose W. Clarke,	Rev. Wm. C. Crane, D. D.
Rev. Chas. B. Dana, D. D.	Rev. Wm. K. Douglas.
Rev. Duncan C. Green,	Rev. David G. Gunn.
Rev. Benjamin Halstead,	Rev. Geo. C. Harris.
Rev. Henry C. Harris,	Rev. James S. Johnston, Jr.
Rev. Edmund C. Laughlin,	Rev. Albert Lyon.
Rev. Willard Presbury,	Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.
Rev. Alex. F. Samuels, M. D.	

Credentials of Lay Delegates from the following Parishes were presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Dana and Messrs. Thos. Palmer and W. W. Allein.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry; Chapel of the Cross, Madison County; Grace Church, Carrollton; St. Alban's Church, Bovina; Grace Church, Canton; St. Luke's Church, Brandon; St. John's Church, Aberdeen; St. James' Church, Port Gibson; Calvary Church, Holmes County; St. Paul's Church, Woodville; Christ Church, Church Hill; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Christ Church, Vicksburg; and Trinity Church, Natchez.

The Committee reporting favorably, the Secretary proceeded to call the names, and the following gentlemen answered and took seats in the Council:

Mr. Wm. H. Fitzhugh, Terry; Messrs. Edward Harris and Ward Voigt, Madison County; Dr. Wm. Barr and Mr. A. Hannum, Bovina; Messrs. P. Macfarlane and W. B. Shelby, Brandon; Mr. James S. Johnston, Church Hill; Messrs. John Duncan and Thos. Palmer, Jackson; Mr. W. W. Allen, Christ Church, Vicksburg.

There being a constitutional quorum present, the Council was declared duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

On motion the usual order was suspended to consider the petition of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, to be received into union with the Council.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred, presented the following report:

The undersigned, appointed a Committee on the admission of new Parishes, beg leave to report that they are satisfied by sufficient evidence, that the provisions of the canon in relation to the organization of new Parishes has been complied with in organizing the Parish of the Holy Trinity, at Vicksburg, and we recommend that said Parish be received into union with the Council.

H. C. HARRIS,
JAS. S. JOHNSTON,
A. HANNUM.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the Parish of Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, was received into union with the Council.

The credentials of the Lay Delegates of said Parish were thereupon presented and approved, and Messrs. Jno. A. Klein, Thomas A. Marshall, and Oliver Matthews took seats in the Council.

The election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Council being in order, Rev. Duncan C. Green was nominated for the office. The ballot being unanimously dispensed with, Rev. Duncan C. Green was elected.

Subsequently Rev. Jas. S. Johnston, Jr., was appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion, Mr. John A. Klein was *viva voce* unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion, Clergymen not entitled to seats, Clergymen of other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, were invited to take seats in the Council.

Whereupon Rev. W. W. Lord, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, and Rev. George W. Stickney, ministering at Meridian and Macon, availed themselves of the invitation.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Council were unanimously adopted.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Council shall be opened on the first day with full service, including Council Sermon, (the preacher of which shall be appointed by the Bishop at the preceding Council), and the celebration of the Holy Communion; and on each succeeding day with Morning Prayer.
2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Council, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.
6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
7. Every member, who shall be in the Council when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.
8. No motion shall be considered as before the Council, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it for a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table or to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Council is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the minutes of this Council.

13. The reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion, unless recommitted by vote of the Council. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion, by the Council, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Council therein.

14. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.

15. All questions of order shall be decided by the chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without express leave of the Council.

16. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment, shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

17. The first thing in order, after the Council is declared organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Council for the ensuing year.

18. The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Council, and the reading of said Rules by the Secretary.

19. The appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz: 1st, On Credentials; 2d, On the Admission of New Congregations; 3d, On the State of the Church; 4th, On Finance; 5th, On Constitution and Canons; 6th, On Diocesan Schools; 7th, On Unfinished Business.

20. The reading of the Bishop's Journal and Address.

21. The reading of the Parochial Reports.

22. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Council.

23. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

24. The reading of the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

25. The reading of Reports from Committees appointed by the last Council.

26. Designation of time and place for holding the next Council.

27. The election of Diocesan Officers:—1st, the Members of the Standing Committee; 2d, Treasurer of the Diocese; 3d, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; 4th, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; 5th, Members of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th, Deputies to General Convention (when required); 7th, any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected,

28. Reports of Standing Committees.

29. Reports from Special Committees.

30. General Motions, Resolutions, and Propositions.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee read the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee during the past year :

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi :

The following Report of the Proceedings of the Committee for the past year, is respectfully submitted :

1869.

April 30.—The Committee met at Oxford. Present, Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. Henry C. Harris, and Mr. John Duncan. Absent, Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., and Dr. Wm. T. Balfour.

Testimonials recommending Rev. Francis A. Shoup and Rev. A. F. Samuels, Deacons, for ordination to the Priesthood; and Mr. David Griffin Gunn, for the Holy Order of Deacons, were signed.

June 2.—Committee met at Jackson and organized by electing Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., President, and Mr. John Duncan, Secretary. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. Dr. Sansom, Dr. W. T. Balfour and Mr. Duncan. Absent, Rev. H. C. Harris.

July 2.—Committee met at Vicksburg. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, President, Rev. Dr. Sansom, Rev. H. C. Harris, and Dr. W. T. Balfour. Absent, Mr. Duncan.

The Canonical certificate recommending Mr. Isaac N. Lawson, to be received as a candidate for Deacon's Orders, was signed.

July 12.—Committee met at the residence of the Secretary, at Jackson. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, President, Rev. Dr. Sansom, and Mr. Duncan, Secretary. Absent, Rev. H. C. Harris and Dr. Balfour. Signed certificate recommending Mr. David Stark Goodloe's admission to the Holy Order of Deacons.

- Oct. 25.—Committee met at Jackson, at the residence of the Secretary. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, President, Rev. Dr. Sansom, and Mr. Duncan, Secretary. Absent, Rev. H. C. Harris and Dr. Balfour. Signed the requisite testimonials consenting to the consecration of the Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., as Missionary Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory.
- Nov. 11.—Committee met at Vicksburg. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. Dr. Sansom and Dr. Balfour. Signed testimonial recommending James S. Johnston, Jr., to be admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons.
- Nov. 19.—Committee met at Jackson, in response to a call from the Bishop of the Diocese. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, President, Rev. Dr. Sansom, and Mr. Duncan, Secretary. Absent, Rev. H. C. Harris and Dr. Balfour. On motion, the Rev. Geo. W. Stickney was appointed agent of the Committee to visit the various Parishes in the Diocese with the view of collecting the arrears due on salary of the Bishop.

1870.

- Jan'y 27.—Committee met at the residence of the Secretary. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, President, Rev. Dr. Sansom, and Mr. Duncan. Absent, Rev. Mr. Harris, and Dr. Balfour. The Canonical testimonials recommending the Rev. Joseph L. Tucker for admission to the Priesthood, were signed.
- March 8.—Committee met at residence of Mr. Duncan, Jackson. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, President, Rev. Dr. Sansom, and Mr. Duncan. Absent, Rev. Mr. Harris and Dr. Balfour. The requisite papers having been filed, the Canonical testimonials recommending the Rev. Richard Wilde Micou to the Holy Order of Deacons, were signed.

JOHN DUNCAN,

Secretary of the Standing Committee.

PARISH OF ST. ANDREW,
JACKSON, April 27, 1870.

The Rt. Rev. President then announced his appointment of the following Standing Committees to act during the Council:

CREDENTIALS.

Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., Messrs. Thos. Palmer, and W. W. Allein.

FINANCE.

Messrs. John Duncan, W. T. Balfour, T. E. B. Pegues, Alex. Montgomery, and Oliver Matthews.

ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Rev. H. C. Harris, and Messrs. Jas. S. Johnston and A. Hannum.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. Messrs. J. A. Fox, B. Halstead, G. C. Harris, W. H. Burton, and W. K. Douglas.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

Rev. Messrs. W. K. Douglas and W. Presbury, and Mr. T. A. Marshall. *Added subsequently*, Mr. H. F. Simrall.

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., and Rev. Messrs. D. C. Green and A. F. Samuels.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. E. C. Laughlin and Mr. Wm. Barr.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow at 10 A. M.

EVENING SERVICES.

Evening Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. D. C. Green and W. Carnahan, and a sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH PARISH,

JACKSON, MASONIC HALL, April 28, 1870.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President.

Present in addition to those attending yesterday: Rev. Messrs. W. Carnahan, W. D. Christian, and J. A. Fox; and the following Lay Delegates: Alex Montgomery, Natchez; Richard S. Stith, Holly Springs; T. E. B. Pegues and John Thompson, Oxford; and W. T. Balfour, Christ Church, Vicksburg.

On motion, the Council took recess for Divine Services.

Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. E. C. Laughlin and A. F. Samuels.

After Prayers. the Bishop read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BELOVED BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

Whilst we exchange our congratulations on again meeting one another in Council, let us give due thanks to that sparing mercy which permits us to assemble with unbroken ranks, and with many tokens of his returning favor. If a few of our Clergy have withdrawn from us to enter upon wider and more promising fields of labor, an equal number has come to our help from other Dioceses, and from the list of our own Candidates for Orders. Never have I seen more faithfulness and zeal on the part of my Clergy, and I may truly add that, in my Laity also, there is a growing conviction that their duties as members of the Church are by no means complete when they have provided for the sustenance of their Pastor. They begin to see that there are various ways in which they may strengthen his hands, and give success to his labors. When this shall come to be the case in every Parish of our Diocese, so that both the Pastor and his people shall work together, and with equal zeal in their respective spheres, then indeed may we look for the fullness of the Divine blessing to be poured out upon us.

Under an humbling sense of my own unfruitfulness, I now lay before you a statement of my labors since our last meeting together.

Before the close of our last Council, I baptized at Oxford, (May 1st), *two* adults and *three* children. The next day I ordained to the Presbyterate the Rev. Francis A. Shoup and Rev. Alexander F. Samuels, M. D., and gave Deacon's Orders to David G. Gunn. The former were presented by Rev. Dr. Dana, and Mr. Gunn by the Rev. Mr. Harris. The sermon was, at my request, preached by Rev. Mr. Pickett. At the same time I confirmed *six* persons, and afterwards *one* other in private.

From the Council I hastened to visit some parishes on the Gulf Coast and along the river.

May 5, I preached at Terry, baptized *three* adults and *two* children, and confirmed *three* persons.

May 6, At Crystal Springs I preached and baptized *one* infant. Although the members of our Church are few in this place, I saw enough of the people to make me hope that our services would be both welcome and profitable to many of them.

May 7, I preached at Brookhaven in the Methodist Church which, as at Crystal Springs, had been kindly offered to me. At night I baptized in private *three* adults and *one* infant, and confirmed *one* person.

May 8th and 9th. I spent these two days in Osyka. The former was used as a day of much needed rest. On Sunday, 9th, I preached, and bap-

tized *one* infant. The congregation was a good deal depressed from their want of a Pastor, and from other causes which I trust will be of a temporary nature.

May 12. From Osyka I passed on to Shieldsborough, where I preached in the Court House, baptized *one* adult and *one* infant, and confirmed *nine* persons—one of them in private. At night also I baptized in private *three* colored children. From what I saw on this occasion I am convinced that there is no better opening for a Pastor or a Missionary within the Diocese. The worthy Mayor of the place offers a suitable site for a Church, and, with others, will contribute liberally towards its erection.

May 13th, 14th were given to Mississippi City, where I consecrated by the name of "St. Mark's," that very chaste and becoming Church erected by the generous contributions of a few friends before our late war. I also preached and confirmed *four* persons. This place is much in want of regular pastoral care. Rev. Mr. Jessup, of the Diocese of Louisiana kindly officiates for the neighboring families as far as his health and the duties of his school will admit. A Missionary is much wanted who will divide his labors between this place, Shieldsborough and Biloxi.

Sunday, 16th, I preached at Pass Christian, and confirmed *fifteen* persons. The condition of this Parish is as prosperous as could well be expected, considering that its Minister, Rev. Mr. Phillips, has to give the larger portion of his time to his school, which, I was pleased to learn, is in a healthy and growing condition.

Thursday, 20th, I preached in Summit on my way to the river Parishes. Owing to a misunderstanding about my appointment, I had time only to preach, but none for any other ministrations. At the end of this year a neat and commodious Rectory will here be ready for an occupant; thus forming an excellent base of operation for Missionary work along that road.

Saturday, 22d, I reached Greenville, preached twice the following day, baptized *five* children and confirmed *four* persons. This little flock, though without a Pastor for the last six years, has lost none of its love for the Church. It was truly gratifying to me to see the zeal with which they were animated, and to hear of their longing desire for a Minister, and their readiness to support him as well as to build a Church.

Tuesday, 25th, Baptized *one* child in Washington County, and *four* others as I passed down the Lake. I was, by appointment, to preach next day in St. John's Church at the foot of the Lake, but found it unfit to be occupied having been so thoroughly defaced and defiled during the late war. I was thankful for the promise of Gen. Hampton and others, that it should be thoroughly repaired against my next visitation.

On my way back toward Greenville, I preached in a small Church by the way side, near Egg Point. As the notice was unavoidably short, there were but few in attendance, but those few seemed truly thankful to join once more in our services.

Sunday, 30th, I preached in Canton, at the request of the Rector, baptized *one* adult, and afterward confirmed her.

June 1st, Assisted by the Bishop of Louisiana, and several of our Clergy, I laid the corner-stone of a Church in Jackson which is to take the place of that destroyed during the late war. The ceremonies of the occasion were well ordered, but were a good deal marred by a continuous fall of rain. The address of Bishop Wilmer, though delivered under unfavorable circumstances, was listened to with all the interest and attention which it so richly deserved. My heart was gladdened at seeing the Rev. Dr. Crane and his devoted flock about to be relieved from the many inconveniences which for want of a suitable place of worship, they have endured for nearly seven years.

Sunday, 6th, On my way home I preached at Corinth in the forenoon, baptized *one* child and *four* adults, and confirmed *five*.

In the afternoon I passed on to Iuka and preached that night in the Methodist place of worship, kindly tendered for the occasion. A Missionary is much needed between these two places.

June 20th, I confirmed *two* persons in the Chapel of the University of the South.

Saturday and Sunday, September 12th and 13th were spent with the little struggling flock in Iuka. After visiting at fifteen places on Saturday, I preached twice on Sunday, baptized *two* adults and *four* children, confirmed *six* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. A Lay Reader, who was spending a few weeks at the place, had organized a Sunday School of thirty scholars, and had several times performed public service for the Congregation.

September 21st, Set out on my Fall Visitation.

The 24th, 25th, and 26th, were spent in Vicksburg, during which time I preached once, but performed no other service, as my coming was unexpected, and not in the course of my regular visitation. During my stay I was thankful for being asked by a number of the influential citizens for my consent to the organization of another Parish within the bounds of the City. This I very willingly granted, having for several years seen that, in consequence of the rapid growth of the place, and the increase of our Church, another House of Worship was much needed in the Southern portion of the City. I am glad to say that the Rector of the old Church cheerfully united with me in assenting to this movement, trusting that it would be for the glory of God and the good of his people.

Wednesday, 29th, was spent at "State Line," under the roof of my most worthy and venerable friend and brother, Col. Geo. S. Gaines, whose family are all members of the Church, but are so remote from all her services, that I feel bound to give them at least one day in my yearly visitation.

September 30th, and October 1st, were given to Enterprise. The members and friends of the Church here are in rather a dispirited condition. Nor is it to be wondered at when my brief annual visits are the only ministrations which they have enjoyed for several years.

October 2d and 3d, I spent in Meridian, and assisted by my son, Rev. Duncan C. Green, had services on both days. *Five* children were baptized, and *eight* persons confirmed. I was sorry to find several of the leading members of

the congregation unavoidably absent, but nevertheless was gratified at seeing among them an increasing zeal, and a determination to act hereafter in greater concert.

I spent Monday, the 4th, at Lauderdale Springs, but made it chiefly a day of rest, as I found no suitable opening for any services.

The 5th and 6th were given to DeKalb. The little flock at this place are warmly attached to the Church, and, if able, would do much toward providing themselves with her services. I was pained to find in the last stage of her earthly existence a most worthy lady, of whom I have before spoken, (Mrs. Ann H. Hampton.) and to whose zeal and liberality this little village is indebted not only for an example of what a churchwoman ought to be, but also during many years for the means of procuring the occasional services of a Missionary. Though slowly departing under a most painful disease, she exhibited a beautiful example of patient suffering; and her farewell words to me were the assurance that out of the little which she should leave behind her, there would be found enough to compensate a Missionary for a monthly service during the coming year, and also to pay his expenses in reaching the place. I mention this, dear brethren, not only that it may enter into the ears of those who now hear me, but in the hope that it may also meet the eye, and enter into the hearts of some amongst us, who, neither living nor dying, can take to themselves the consolatory language of the good Nehemiah, "Remember me, oh my God, concerning this, and wipe not out the good deeds that I have done for the House of my God." How many of our people drop off from day to day, professing to love the Church, favored to the last moment with her ministrations, and knowing that they leave her in a naughty world, to contend against the most fearful odds, and and yet, of the goods which they can no longer cling to, leaving no portion, large or small, to the Spiritual Mother that in helpless infancy received them into her bosom, and nourished them even unto their dying hour. My brethren of the Clergy, if our people are remiss in this thing, let us ask ourselves if we are, in the first place, remiss in reminding them of it as their duty.

I was here compelled to suspend the rest of my appointments in order to attend a special meeting of the House of Bishops in New York, for the purpose of electing a Missionary Bishop for Arkansas and the adjoining Indian Territory. And it gives me pleasure to add, that with great unanimity the Rev. Henry N. Pierce, D. D., was chosen to fill that difficult and responsible post. A wiser choice, I am persuaded, could hardly have been made; since to a physical frame fitted for the hardships of Missionary life, there is added in Rev. Dr. Pierce an amount of learning rarely attained, a love of labor, a deep and ruling sense of Priestly responsibility, a well-trying experience, and a soundness in the faith that is in no danger of being led into any extremes either on the right hand or the left.

It was also gratifying to me, on this occasion, to be present at the annual meeting of the Trustees of the "General Theological Seminary," and assist in electing to one of its Chairs the Rev. Dr. Mahan, than whom our Clerical list presents no riper scholar, or sounder Theologian. A further pleasure was afforded me, at this time, of attending the meeting of our "Domestic Missionary Society," and of hearing from its worthy and indefatigable Secretary

how widely its operations were being extended, and what a large amount of blessing it was dispensing to our older and weaker Dioceses, as well as to the more newly settled abodes of our fast-spreading population. There was held, also, at this time, a meeting of the "Society for the Increase of the Ministry," but I was unable to attend, though earnestly desirous of thus testifying my regard for an Institution to which our Diocese is so largely indebted, for assisting our candidates in obtaining a suitable preparation for the work of the Ministry.

On my way home it pleased God, by a severe illness, to bring me to the borders of the grave. After a painful confinement of four weeks, I was enabled to reach my family, where I slowly recovered sufficient strength for resuming the course of visitations which had thus been interrupted. For this sparing mercy of God, I desire here to make my humble and grateful acknowledgments.

December 10th, though but partially recovered, I set out to visit such of the Parishes as could more easily be reached, and were more in need of Episcopal services.

Sunday, 12th, I preached in Canton, being assisted in the services by the Rev. H. C. Harris, and the Rector, Rev. Mr. Green.

Tuesday, 14th. In Jackson, I confirmed *one* person in private.

Saturday and Sunday, 18th and 19th, were spent in Yazoo City, where I preached twice; baptized *one* infant, and confirmed *seven* persons.

Tuesday, 21st. In Vicksburg I admitted James S. Johnston, Jr., to the Order of Deacons. I was assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Lyon and the Rector, Rev. Dr. Sansom, the candidate, being presented by the latter. The next evening, being too unwell to preach, the Rev. Mr. Gunn preached at my request, and I confirmed *eleven* persons. The following day I administered the same rite to *one* other candidate, who had been prevented by sickness from attending the Church.

Christmas Day was spent in Jackson. *Four* persons were confirmed, and the Holy Communion administered. I did not preach, being prevented by a distressing hoarseness, as well as the noisy rejoicings with which the young and thoughtless were celebrating the day in the streets.

Sunday, 26th, I had appropriated to Canton. But soon after reaching the place, a rain fell so continuously as to forbid all public services, and even the few visits which I felt able to make. *One* person was confirmed in private.

Wednesday and Thursday, 29th and 30th, were spent in the Parish of the "Chapel of the Cross." As I had been unable to give the usual notice of my coming, and no appointment had consequently been made for any services, I did not officiate in any public manner. I was much gratified, however, at witnessing the promising beginning of Rev. Mr. Harris's "Training School," and of the prospect of further success that was opening before it. A school of this kind has long been wanting in our Diocese, and I can most heartily commend it to the patronage of the public, and especially to such of our people as may desire to direct the minds of their sons to the sacred office of the Ministry, and prepare them for acquiring a suitable course of Theological instruction.

My next appointments were for the Missionary field under the culture of Rev. Mr. Halstead. A snow-storm, with its usual accompaniment of impassable roads, confined me for several days in the neighborhood of Valden. I had expected to officiate there on Sunday, the 2d of January, but my appointment had failed to reach its destination in time.

Thursday, January 6th, reached Lexington. Next day rode fourteen miles to visit one or two families in Calvary Parish, as I had necessarily failed to be with them the Sunday previous. Returned the same evening, and preached in Lexington the following day, Sunday, 9th.

Tuesday, 11th, preached in "Water Valley," at 7 p. m., in a room comfortably and appropriately fitted for our services, through the zealous exertions of Rev. Dr. Samuels. The congregation was small, but attentive. Some interest has been awakened here in behalf of the Church. A Parish has been organized, and it is hoped that with the rapid growth of the place a growing desire will be manifested to obtain the regular services of a Clergyman.

Thursday, 13th, preached at Brook's Chapel, a Methodist place of worship, always kindly open to our services. On account of the weather, the congregation was very small. It is the intention of the few, but active members of our Communion in this neighborhood, to erect a small Church, a very eligible site being already offered for the purpose. There is to be found here that which is so greatly needed in every Parish, I mean *one active Layman*, who loves the Church so truly as to be willing to stir himself, and stir up others also, to work for her benefit. May God bless both him and his labors.

Friday, 14th, I reached Grenada, after a ride of eight miles through mud and rain. But as the hour for service approached, the rain increased and continued throughout the day; thus preventing our services, as it had done on my visit last spring. I had the satisfaction, however, of meeting several members of the Parish, and finding them hopeful of being able to erect a Church, and unite with some neighboring station in procuring a settled Minister, Dr. Samuels having withdrawn his Missionary services from them, in order to favor that arrangement.

Sunday, 16th, I preached in Carrollton, both forenoon and at night. Both Congregations were smaller than usual, many of the members being absent from the place.

Wednesday and Thursday, October 19th and 20th, were spent in Brandon, in attendance on the Central Convocation of the Diocese. There were present the Rev. Dr. Crane, and Rev. Messrs. Douglas, Lyon, Geo. C. Harris, Green, and Gunn. Owing to the Academy—the building in which we usually hold our services—being occupied during the day, we could only use it at night. Mr. Harris preached on the 19th, at which time *six* were confirmed. The next evening I preached and confirmed *three* more. I am glad to state that though but little was done in Convocation in the way of business, its deliberations were conducted in much brotherly love, and in a becoming devotion to the purpose which had called them together.

I was much gratified at finding the Church-building so creditable to this zealous little Parish, near its completion.

Friday, 21st, I preached at "Forest," about forty miles distant, in an unfinished Presbyterian Church. There is here but one member of our Communion with her four children. Hearing of her solitary and cheerless condition, I was led thus to stop on my way and afford her one more opportunity of offering up her devotions in the language of the Church. The congregation was large and attentive, but entire strangers to our mode of worship.

Sunday, 23d, I preached in Meridian, in the forenoon, baptizing *one* infant; and again at night, when *three* were confirmed. The condition of this congregation is somewhat encouraging, although they have not yet learned to pull together. I once more invited the Vestry to meet me, and counselled them as best I could.

Tuesday, 25th, was the day appointed for the Consecration in Mobile of the Rev. Henry N. Pierce, D. D., as Missionary Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory. I was pleased to meet on this occasion, not only the Bishops of Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida, but the excellent Bishop of Illinois also, accompanied by one or two of his Clergy. The services of the occasion were most happily conducted, and of the greatest apparent interest to all. Of the worthy Brother, then and there invested with the highest honors of the Priesthood, I can scarcely say too much. If profound learning, an unpretending piety, a well-tempered zeal, a large share of prudence, a knowledge of human nature, a ready adaptability to the various grades and dispositions of men, and a thorough experience in Missionary as well as Parochial labor,—if these are qualities that fit a man for such a work, then is Dr. Pierce qualified above most men for the place to which he has been called; and well may our brethren of that region be congratulated on having so able and faithful a Chief Shepherd to take them in charge.

There were present, Clergymen from fourteen Dioceses; one from Canada, and one from the Church of England, all truly welcome, but none so gladly received as the worthy Bishop of Illinois, the able defender, and trustworthy exponent, of the Faith and Order of the Church. His presence on that occasion, and the burning words with which he again and again addressed those crowded congregations were received by all as a pledge of the warm-hearted and growing affection of Northwestern Churchmen for their Brethren of the South.

My next appointment was for the "Church of the Messiah," Noxubee county, where I preached on Thursday, the 29th, baptized *one* adult, confirmed *two*, and administered the Holy Communion. The services were held in a private house for the accommodation of some aged and infirm persons who could not have attended at the Church.

Sunday, 30th, preached at Macon, and baptized in private *one* infant, and *one* adult, to whom I afterwards administered the rite of Laying-on-of-hands.

February 1st, in Columbus, I admitted the Rev. Joseph L. Tucker (Deacon) to the higher Order of the Priesthood. The sermon was preached by myself, and the candidate presented by Rev. Mr. Clarke, who, together with Rev. Mr. Stickney of the Diocese of North Carolina, conducted the Exami-

nation and assisted in the services of the day. At night I united a couple in the holy bonds of Matrimony. Since many in our land are fast losing sight of the Divine origin and authority of this sacred rite, and seeking a release from its vows on the slightest pretence, it behooves us, brethren, to give to its performance all the solemnity and impressiveness which is due to it as an Ordinance, not of man, nor of the Church, but of God. As one means of attaining this end, I here earnestly recommend to every family within the Diocese, that, wherever it can with any convenience be done, this holy rite shall be celebrated by a Minister of the Church, and in God's own house, rather than in a private parlor.

On the evening of the 2d, I preached, and confirmed *six*.

Friday, 4th, preached in Aberdeen, forenoon and evening, and confirmed *one* person.

Sunday, 6th, I spent in Okolona, preaching forenoon, afternoon, and at night. The afternoon was given to the colored people, at St. Cyprian's Chapel, who at one time, before the late war, were under the sober teachings of the Church, but now are banded together under Instructors and Pastors of their own color. Dr. Tucker is kindly endeavoring to keep alive in them a love of the Church in which they were baptized and trained, but from which they have ignorantly departed.

A Clergyman is much needed at Okolona, and the rapid growth of the place encourages the hope that there will soon be such an accession to the little Church band as will enable them to engage the services of one, in whole or in part.

Monday, 7th, I had appointed services for Corinth in the evening; but owing to an accident on the road did not reach the place until the next morning.

Tuesday, 16th, I united a couple in matrimony, in the Chapel of St. Augustine, University Place, one of whom was a daughter of my own body.

Thursday, March 3d, left home on my Spring Visitation.

My first appointment, which was for Lamar, Marshall county, was defeated by an incessant fall of rain.

After riding ten miles on the back of a mule, and in the teeth of a sharp north wind, to meet my next appointment, at "Early Grove," I was again met by a heavy rain which fell throughout the day, (*Sunday, 6th*,) thus preventing a loving and expectant people from meeting their Bishop with their usual welcome, and denying me the pleasure of addressing them, and the children of the Sunday School. I was pleased to find both the Pastor and People of this Parish so attached to each other.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th and 9th, were spent at Hernando. Through the carelessness of Postmasters, the notice of my coming, sent some weeks before, had not been received, and accordingly no preparation had been made for services of any kind. I preached on Wednesday, and confirmed *one* person. Rev. Mr. Foster having resigned the charge of this place, the Vestry have invited Rev. David S. Goodloe (Deacon) to officiate for them two Sundays in each month.

On reaching Panola, that evening, I was again troubled at finding that notice of my coming had not been received. I did not, therefore, deem it expedient to call together the few that could have met me, but preferred rather to visit those families in the place that were friends and members of our Church. These, though few in number, are willing to do all in their power towards supplying themselves with the Church's ministrations. I encouraged them to hope for an occasional service from Rev. Mr. Goodloe.

I reached Grenada on Thursday, in the hope of devoting the whole of the three following days to the advancement of that infant Parish. My purpose was, in a great measure, defeated by an unceasing fall of rain on Friday, and by my being confined to my room by sickness throughout the whole of Saturday. On *Sunday, the 13th*, I was enabled to preach, both forenoon and afternoon, and to confirm *three* persons. It was truly gratifying to me to see that the work of the Church in this place, so long kept back by various causes, has now been begun in earnest. A Parish has been regularly organized, an intelligent and active Vestry appointed, a subscription set on foot for the speedy erection of a Church, an eligible lot purchased for the purpose, and the services of Rev. Mr. Goodloe engaged for one half of his time. This has been one of the favorite fields of Rev. Dr. Samuel's labors for the last two years.

The next day, (*Monday, 14th*), I preached at Brooks' Chapel, near Torrance Station, though laboring under continued indisposition,

Tuesday, 15th, was given to "Water Valley." Although confined to a sick room all day, I was enabled to preach at night and confirm *four* persons. Rev. Dr. Samuel's is laboring diligently to establish a permanent and prosperous Parish in this place.

Thursday, 17th, preached at Holly Springs, at 7 p. m. The next day I preached again, in the evening, and confirmed *five* persons.

Saturday, 19th, at Oxford, I baptized *three* children in private. The next day preached, in the forenoon, confirmed *one* person, and administered the Holy Communion; in the afternoon preached again; baptized *two* adults, and afterwards gave them the "Laying-on-of-hands."

My next appointment was for Vaiden, but I failed to meet it on account of an unlooked-for arrangement of the Railroad.

Wednesday, 23d, I preached at Kirkwood, and baptized *one* infant. The pecuniary condition of this Parish has been greatly affected by the results of the late war, but its love for the Church of God has not abated.

Thursday, 24th, was spent in Canton, but an unceasing rain forbade my usual visiting from house to house. The next day I baptized *one* infant in private, preached, and confirmed *one* person.

Sunday, 27th, preached at Chapel of the Cross, and confirmed *four* persons, three of whom were pupils of the "Annandale Training School."

In the afternoon, assisted by Rev. George C. Harris, I officiated at "Madison Depot," and confirmed *another* pupil of that excellent school.

My next appointment was for Woodville, on the 30th, where I catechized the children of the congregation in the afternoon, and preached in the even-

was gratifying to me to find Rev. Mr. Burton comfortably settled in Parish, with every prospect of being as useful as he is already acco- to his people. The next day I preached again at 11 o'clock.

ay and Sunday, April 2d and 3d, were given to Natchez. The former spent in visiting. On Sunday I preached, and confirmed *eighteen* renoun; in the afternoon baptized *five* children of one family, cate- addressed the Sunday School; and preached again at night.

y, 4th, I officiated at Washington, confirming *one* person. There is t material in this place and neighborhood to engage the labors of a ry.

y, 5th, I preached at Church Hill in the forenoon, and confirmed one n private, at night. The interests of this once flourishing Parish ring no little for want of a Rector. *Wednesday, 6th*, I preached ptized *five* white and *ten* colored children, confirmed *three*, and ad- ed the Holy Communion.

ay, 7th, Preached at Rodney, in the Masonic Hall, baptized *three* iz white, and *one* colored infant, confirmed *three* persons, and ad- ed the Holy Communion. There is a growing prospect of a success- h in this place.

8th, I reached Grace Church, Jefferson County, in time for service, d no congregation, on account of the rain.

ay, 9th, Preached at Port Gibson, baptized *one* adult, and afterwards the Laying-on-of-Hands. The next day I preached again, and ered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, went to Grand Gulf, ched at 8 o'clock, in a private house, to an attentive and interested tion. I was pleased to find the Rev. Mr. Johnston, though still in Orders, so acceptable to the congregation in Port Gibson, and with spects of a successful Ministry before him.

y, 12th, Assisted by Mr. Johnston, I officiated at the Church of the y, preaching, baptizing *one* infant, and administering the Holy don. At the close of the services, I addressed the congregation on et of procuring a Pastor.

ay, 15th, was given to the "Church of the Holy Comforter." After ng the children, I preached, baptized *four* adults, and *six* children, d *four* and administered the Holy Communion. It was truly grati- me to find the zeal of this little band of Workers for Christ in no ated. They are anxiously looking around for some one to break stately the Bread of Life.

Friday, April 15th, Preached, 11 A. M., at Raymond, to a full and at- ongregation; but was prevented from officiating in the evening by fall of rain. It was very gratifying to me to learn that this zealous k had succeeded in purchasing a Rectory and in nearly paying for next day was given to Clinton. Besides preaching, I baptized *three* d *three* infants, and confirmed *seven* persons.

Sunday, 17th, I officiated at Bovina in an unfinished dwelling-house. lidates received the Laying-on-of-Hands, and the Holy Communion inistered. I was assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Fox and Lyon. Mr.

Fox has recently been elected Rector of the Parish, Mr. Lyon kindly consenting, in connection with his school duties, to act as his assistant in supplying the congregation with frequent services. A new Church will soon be erected on the ruins of the old; and although inferior in costliness, will, in convenience and design be worthy of its object, and sufficient for the wants of the present congregation.

Monday 18th, I preached in Bolton, and baptized *one* adult and *two* infants, and confirmed *one* person. My discourse, which was on the distinctive principles of our Church, was listened to with apparent satisfaction by a promiscuous congregation. By the truly zealous exertions of two ladies, an eligible lot has been purchased, and other measures entered into for the erection of a Church edifice.

Wednesday, 20th, I visited Diamond Place, and preached in the neat little "Chapel of the Holy Communion," which has, through the exertions of Rev. Mr. Laughlin, been erected since my last visit. The house was thoroughly filled by a congregation, mostly colored; *three* of whom were confirmed. Two others were unavoidably prevented from receiving that holy rite. In the afternoon, I assisted at the burial of one of the colored members of the congregation.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 22d, 23d and 24th, were spent in Vicksburg, my labors being equally divided between the congregation of "Christ Church and the newly organized Parish of the "Holy Trinity;" both of which, I am happy to say, are growing in strength and blessing. In the forenoon of Sunday, I officiated in the temporary building used by the members of Trinity Church, catechizing the children, and confirming *five* persons. The sermon was, at my request, preached by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Lord. I was truly gratified at seeing so large a congregation in the infancy of this Parish, and to learn what confident expectations were entertained of a continued and rapid increase. In the afternoon, I attended at Christ's Church to witness the presentation of the Easter Offerings of the Children of the Sunday School; and I hardly know how sufficiently to express my gratification at the sight, or my appreciation of the Rector's zealous and untiring labor in so judiciously training and instructing the Lambs of his flock. A Sunday School so well ordered and so faithfully taught is rarely to be seen; and never have I heard from the lips of children the praises of God more heartily or more correctly sung. The offerings successively laid upon the Altar by the several classes were the savings of the Children, arising out of the little acts of self-denial voluntarily imposed upon themselves during the previous season of Lent; thus early learning to forego momentary and trifling enjoyment for the higher pleasure of doing God service. At night I preached and confirmed *eighteen* persons. During my stay in the city I baptized in private *one* adult and *one* infant.

Tuesday, 26th, I preached in Brandon, and confirmed *three* persons.

This brings me up to the present time and I might almost say, the present hour of our assembling in Council. If more has not been effected for the cause of Christ, it has not been for want of labor on my part. And I here bless God that whilst it pleased Him to withhold me by sickness, from three

months of my usual time of visiting my people, I have, nevertheless, been enabled to visit every Parish within the Diocese, and some of them twice and even three times.

The number confirmed is *two hundred and thirteen—three* of whom were colored.

I have baptized *thirty-three* adults, and *sixty-five* infants. Of these last, *fourteen* were colored.

Three of our candidates for Orders, viz: David G. Gunn, James S. Johnston, Jr., and David S. Goodloe, have been admitted to the Diaconate. And I take no ordinary pleasure in recording these Ordinations, inasmuch as two of them are native-born sons of this Diocese. God grant that many others stimulated by their example, may soon be seen pressing into the service of the Ministry. Three Deacons, Rev. Messrs. Francis A. Shoup, Joseph. L. Tucker, and Alexander F. Samuels, have been ordained Priests.

One Church, "St. Marks," Mississippi City, has been consecrated.

Five Parishes have been duly organized, with a view to being received into union with our Council, viz: "Church of Holy Trinity," Vicksburg; "St. James's Church," Greenville; "Grace Chapel," Grenada; "Church of the Nativity," Macon, and "Church of the Nativity," Water Valley.

Three Candidates for Orders have been added to our former number, viz: Isaac N. Lawson, James H. Flewellyn, and Heber O. Crane. The present number is eleven, viz: Henry U. McKinney, Stephen H. Green, Jas. P. Lytton, Duncan Savage, A. Hannum, Richard W. Micou, Edwin J. K. Lessel, William H. Trezevant, Isaac N. Lawson, James H. Flewellyn, and Heber O. Crane.

The following changes have taken place in the List of our Clergy:

Rev. W. H. Burton has removed from Epiphany Parish to Woodville. Rev. John Foster has resigned the charge of Ascension Church, Hernando. Rev. Duncan C. Green has withdrawn his services from Brandon, in order to devote them exclusively to Canton. Rev. David S. Goodloe, (Deacon,) has, at my request, undertaken to minister at Grenada and Hernando. Rev. David G. Gunn, (Deacon,) besides assisting in Rev. Mr. Lyon's school, ministers at Bolton, Terry, and Crystal Springs. Rev. George C. Harris has undertaken the laudable and much-needed work of establishing a *Training School* at Annandale, Madison county, and is Rector also of the Chapel of the Cross. Rev. Henry C. Harris has resigned the charge of the Holy Comforter. Rev. James S. Johnston, (Deacon,) has, with my sanction, taken charge of St. James' Church, Port Gibson. Rev. J. T. Pickett has resigned St. Paul's Church, Columbus, and is again the Rector of Christ Church, Holly Springs. Rev. A. F. Samuels has ceased to minister at Grenada, and now confines his services to Carrollton, Torrance, and Water Valley.

Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, has accepted the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

Rev. Joseph B. Lyons and Rev. James D. Gibson are without the bounds of the Diocese, and I know not how or where to reach them.

The following Clergy have been transferred from this jurisdiction, viz: William M. Pettis to Diocese of Kentucky; Rev. Thomas S. Savage, M. D.,

to Diocese of New York; Rev. F. A. Shoup to Diocese of Tennessee; and Rev. John E. C. Smedes to Diocese of Florida.

Rev. Wallace Carnahan (Deacon) has been received from the Diocese of Kentucky, and is in charge of Greenville, and parts adjacent. Rev. Dr. Lord has returned from the Diocese of South Carolina to become the Rector of the newly established Parish of the "Holy Trinity" in Vicksburg. Rev. George W. Stickney is, by permission, in charge of Meridian and Macon, although his Letters Dimissory have not yet been received.

The present number of our Clergy is *twenty-eight*.

But little change has taken place in the schools which are more or less connected with the Diocese. That of "St. Stephen's," in charge of Rev. Mr. Lyon, has largely increased within the year, and continues to prosper. And the School of Rev. George C. Harris, at Annandale, gives promise already of much good to the Church by training her sons to enter profitably upon a preparation for her ministry.

Of the University of the South, which should be as dear to the Diocese as as if it were within our borders, I rejoice to state, that though yet struggling amid difficulties, it has thus far exceeded every reasonable expectation of those who are attempting to raise it to the eminence aimed at by its noble founders. I shall be truly gratified when I see that the character and claims of this Institution are duly appreciated by the Church in this Diocese, and that it is receiving from us the aid which it so justly deserves. So rapid has been the increase in the number of pupils that parents have lately been requested to withhold their sons until further buildings can be prepared for their reception.

The system of Convocations recommended at our last Council has, so far as it has been carried out, been productive of decided benefit to several of the weaker congregations and Missionary Stations. Especially has this been the case with the Central Convocation, whose Constitution I highly approve. The Rev. William C. Crane, D. D., upon their unanimous recommendation, was appointed by me Dean of the same.

Once more, brethren, I feel it a duty as well as a pleasure to recommend to your patronage that useful and still improving Paper the "Church Calendar." Such a Paper has long been needed in our Southern Church; and its Editor merits the thanks of all lovers of sound Churchmanship for his unflinching advocacy of our principles, as well as for the personal sacrifices he is making to carry on his good work under many discouragements.

I again, brethren, feel constrained to make an acknowledgment in behalf of the Diocese, of our great indebtedness to that admirable Institution, the "Society for the Increase of the Ministry." At this moment three of our Candidates are supported by its bounty, and a fourth has the promise of like aid. Truly gratifying would it be to me if a contribution, however small, were annually made by each of our Parishes to swell the measure of its usefulness.

Although the "Domestic Missionary Society" has been compelled, by the increasing demands upon its treasury, to lessen somewhat the aid which it has lately extended to us, yet I freely acknowledge that without its help, not

only our Missionary Stations but several of our weaker Parishes would be deprived of the services of the Church. Ought not then every Parish to contribute something to its treasury, in return for its continued bounty to us.

In order to meet this and other demands upon the purses of our people, is it not, our duty, dear brethren, to set on foot, without delay, some system of weekly contributions, by which we will all pledge ourselves to each other, faithfully and perseveringly to lay by, from week to week, something for God in proportion as he may prosper us. It would be unnecessary for me here to lay before you any plan for accomplishing this much-desired work. All I can do is most earnestly to commend it to your serious attention.

I feel it due to you, dear brethren, no less than to myself, to say a few words on the subject of my present temporary residence, and on the propriety of making some provision for my removal back within the bounds of my Diocese. My constrained exile of three years has been overruled to the re-establishment of my health, and although my presence at the University of the South has, I hope, been of some avail in setting that undertaking in successful operation, I yet feel that I ought as soon as may be, find myself once more in the bosom of my people. Without adding one word more, I leave it to your wisdom to act in the matter as God may give you the ability.

To the fullness of His blessing I now commend you, one and all, through the merits of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Your loving Bishop,

W. M. GREEN.

On motion, a committee of five, consisting of Rev. Drs. Crane and Sansom, and Messrs. Balfour, Duncan and Pegues, were appointed to take into consideration that portion of the Bishop's address relating to an Episcopal Residence.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee on Constitution and Canons report a Canon which shall provide for the permanent organization of *Convocations* within the Diocese, not to exceed four in number; which shall make the attendance of the Clergy at the Convocations obligatory; which shall provide for the appointment or election of an officer in each Convocation, who shall be styled the Archdeacon, and define the duties and responsibilities of such officer; and generally to organize and make efficient the Missionary work of the Diocese.

The special Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund read the following report:

To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi:

The undersigned, appointed Special Treasurer at the last Session of the Diocesan Council, respectfully submits the following report and Statement:

At the Annual Convention held in Christ Church, Vicksburg, April, 1867, the following report and resolution was adopted. Jr. p. 12:

"The committee to which was referred that portion of the Treasurer's report relating to the Bishop's residence reported as follows:

"The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Treasurer's report relating to the Episcopal Fund, notes and interest in connection with the Episcopal residence, concur in the recommendation of the Treasurer, that this fund should 'now be used in the re-erection of a Bishop's residence upon the old site near Jackson.' This is believed to be the best use to which this fund can now be applied. The necessity of a permanent residence for the Bishop cannot be over-estimated, and its speedy erection is desirable in every respect; and with the proceeds that may be realized from the Episcopal fund, and such other contributions as will no doubt be readily contributed from other sources, will soon rebuild the residence of the Bishop upon a scale of comfort and elegance worthy of the Diocese; all of which is respectfully submitted with the accompanying resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Episcopal fund and Church property use the money, notes, and funds, now belonging to that fund, and such other monies as they may be able to obtain from other sources, in the re-erection of a Bishop's residence upon the old site near Jackson, or the purchase of such a residence as will be suitable and proper, if it should be deemed most advisable; and that a committee of three be appointed to solicit contributions from other sources for the erection of a Bishop's residence; and that all funds that may be obtained be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, to be used for that purpose.

W. C. CRANE,
H. SANSOM,
WM. YERGER.

"The Bishop appointed as said committee: Wm. Q. Poindexter, M. D., Hon. Wm. Yerger, and Wm. T. Balfour, M. D."

And on page 15, of the same Journal, appears the following:

"The following preamble and resolution was offered and adopted:

"WHEREAS, it is understood, that at Columbus and other places, perhaps, in the Diocese, the friends of the Church, and especially those always most forward in good works, the ladies, moved by the praiseworthy spirit of providing a suitable residence for our beloved Bishop, within the Diocese, have obtained by contribution a considerable sum of money for that purpose, which money was donated by the contributors with the understanding that it was to be applied to the erection of an Episcopal residence at Columbus; AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Diocese, now convened at Vicksburg, after due and mature deliberation, looking under God to the spiritual interests of the whole Diocese, so vitally involved in the question of eligibility and permanent position for the Bishop, have decided that it is expedient to rebuild the late Episcopal residence at Jackson; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That this Convention do most respectfully request those persons who may have funds in their hands, contributed for building an Episcopal residence at Columbus or any other specified point in the Diocese,

: than the city of Jackson, to obtain the consent of said contributors to transfer of all such funds as above named to the Trustees of the Episcopal , to be by them applied in part and in conjunction with other moneys orized to be applied by this Council, to be expended in building a residence for the Bishop, at Jackson, and that the President of the Standing mittee be appointed to correspond with the above parties, and appeal to , by their love for the Church, to make the proposed transfer."

e Council of 1869, basing its action upon the above proceedings, and an earnest desire to expedite this great, good and necessary work, appointed a *Special Treasurer* of the Episcopal Fund, and of all moneys that been, or which might be, raised for the erection of an Episcopal residence. These funds, according to the order of the Council, were to be at the disposal of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property.

Is fund, with the aid of certain contributions from Parishes and individuals, which was supposed by the Council of 1869 to be in the hands of the Diocesan Treasurer, was thought by the Trustees sufficient to justify the immediate commencement of the residence contemplated by the Convention of

Indeed, the initiatory steps were at once taken with a view to an early completion of the good work.

eatly to the surprise of the Trustees these contributions from Parishes and individuals, although made, as was understood, under the order and direction of the Convention of 1867, were found not to be in the hands of the Diocesan Treasurer, but in those of parties who, claiming them for local purposes, ignored the action of the Diocesan Council.

justice, however, to these parties, and as a matter entitled to the consideration of the Council, it should be here stated that, with the retention of these contributions, some noble and generous Church people of Vicksburg proposed to provide and furnish our venerable Bishop with a residence in that

As this, however, can be considered only in the light of a *private* enterprise, and one for which the generous people of Vicksburg are entitled to thanks and gratitude, it behooves the Council now assembled to take immediate steps to secure a *permanent* house for our Diocesan.

e Council, doubtless, in the exercise of its matured wisdom, will readily determine upon the proper measures to be adopted. It may not, however, be proper in the undersigned, its officer, and one whose attention has been often called to the subject, to suggest some desirable line of action in the premises. This seems necessary now, for, since the discovery of the non-ability of the supposed Parish and individual contributions, the Trustees have not thought proper further to prosecute the work.

e amount of the Episcopal Fund, on the first of May, 1869, according to report of the Diocesan Treasurer, was, principal and interest, \$8,271 64. actual value of this fund is not, just now, easily ascertained. In addition to the above, which is still on deposit with the Diocesan Treasurer, the undersigned has in his possession \$15 75, contributed by St. John's Church, Vicksburg. This fund, with the real estate belonging to the Diocese, I submit would be full and ample, if properly disposed of, to discharge all claims

against the Diocese as well as to provide a suitable and permanent Episcopal residence.

I, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Council fully authorize and empower "The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church property," to make such disposition of all, or any part thereof, as they in their judgment may deem proper, for the purpose of paying the debts of the Diocese, and of erecting, in conformity with the directions of the Convention of 1867, and the Council of 1869, a permanent residence for the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DUNCAN,

Special Treasurer.

JACKSON, April 27, 1870.

On motion, the report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report :

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

As the full report of the Committee on the State of the Church cannot be made until after the reception of the several parochial reports, it is believed that the business of the Council may be expedited by bringing forward a special report on some matters which the Committee has under its consideration.

It is a subject for devout gratitude to Almighty God that our beloved Diocesan has been spared to continue his labors to a period beyond the usual limit of earthly life. It is with lively emotions of thankfulness for such a mercy that we meet our Bishop at this Council enjoying so large a measure of health, affording such grounds for hope of prolonged ability to exercise the functions of his holy office. Nevertheless, we cannot close our eyes to the sad fact that the longest life has its determined limit, and ordinary prudence admonishes some provision for changes which in the nature of things must occur.

In so large a Diocese as ours, with so few facilities for comfortable travel, your Committee cannot but believe that full Episcopal supervision imposes too heavy a burden upon our present beloved Bishop. The members of your Committee have beheld with pain the hardships and trials which his late Spring Visitation, so extensive and thorough, has entailed upon him. The lay members of our congregations, their affection for their Chief Pastor surpassing earthly friendship, have at times their joy clouded by the sight of their dear father's grey hairs exposed to the pelting storms.

The consideration of this impels your Committee to suggest to the Council the duty of making some provision for assistance in Episcopal work.

We are urged on to this, at the present time, by the thought that, now, we can avail ourselves of the counsel and co-operation of our Diocesan.

And, furthermore, we honestly believe that to afford such assistance will be the means of preserving to us and to the Diocese the wise and gentle rule we so desire to see prolonged. As pious and dutiful children we cannot bear

to see our father bowed beneath untimely burdens without making proper efforts for his relief. We feel that to act otherwise is to be recreant to affection, to duty. We are constrained to beg, respectfully, yet earnestly, our father to spare himself.

The pecuniary provision for such assistance will not be without difficulty, but we believe it can be successfully arranged.

The past services of our Bishop have been inadequately and irregularly paid. This cannot but have added materially to the burdens of his office. His forbearance with our shortcomings challenges our increased affection and prompts to renewed diligence in the provision for his support. We could not, therefore, accept from him a division of the present limited salary should even future infirmities deprive us of his services. We trust that this present Council will not separate without, so far as possible, securing beyond the reach of accident the prompt payment of his salary for the future.

It may not, then, be practicable for the Council to make assessments for increased Episcopal services, but we believe that the result can be accomplished through our Diocesan Missionary Society. The last meeting of the Board of Missions, at New York, unanimously resolved in favor of Associated Missions. We are confident that such a man as the suffrages of this Council, under Divine guidance, would fall upon, would accept the headship of such a mission, and that provision might be pledged on the ground of Missionary work.

Your Committee, therefore, unanimously beg leave to introduce the subjoined resolution :

Resolved, That this Council take into consideration the provision for an Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Mississippi.

The report, with the resolution was discussed at some length, but finally, by motion, was laid upon the table.

On motion, Resolved that that portion of the Bishop's address suggesting some action on the part of the Council, reaching the case of Clergymen absent from the Diocese without permission, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council was called to order at 4 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Crane. Rev. D. S. Goodloe and Dr. T. J. Mitchell, of Jackson, appeared and took their seats.

The following Lay Delegates presented their credentials and were received : Mr. E. H. Dabney, Dry Grove, and Mr. Wm. H. Threshley, Water Valley.

The Committee on the admission of New Congregations, reported as follows :

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, respectfully ask leave to supplement their yesterday's report to the Council, recommending the admission of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, with the following further report, namely :

The Committee have carefully examined the articles of association submitted to them, organizing the Parish of the Nativity, Macon, Noxubee County ; also, articles of association organizing the Parish of St. James, Greenville, Washington County ; also, articles of association organizing the Parish of the Nativity, Water Valley, Yalobusha County ; also, articles of association organizing the Parish of Grace Chapel, Grenada, Yalobusha County ; and find all said articles canonically regular and correct. They therefore offer the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That all of the above-named Parishes be admitted into union with the Council.

JAS. S. JOHNSTON,
A. HANNUM,
H. C. HARRIS.

The report and subjoined resolution were unanimously adopted, and the said Parishes were received into union with the Council.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his Annual Report, which was read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN TREASURER*To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi.*

1870:

last Report, April, 1869, the Diocese was in arrears to the Bishop y, in the sum of \$1164 62, and his salary for the current year, \$3000, \$4164 62. There has been paid him on account, the sum of \$3130. leaves a balance due the Bishop, this day, of \$1034 69

Assessment Roll for 1869 and 1870.

CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	ASSESS'D	PAID.	DUE
y	Natchez.....	\$ 350 00	\$ 350 00	
	Vicksburg.....	375 00	375 00	
idrew.	Jackson.....	265 00	194 85	\$ 70 15
	Holly Springs.....	195 00	116 00	79 00
ul	Columbus.....	170 00	170 00	
	Church Hill.....	125 00	125 00	
ul	Woodville.....	170 00	170 00	
	Canton.....	130 00	130 00	
hn	Aberdeen.....	110 00	110 00	
ter.	Oxford.....	100 00	100 00	
y	Pass Christian.....	100 00	100 00	
y	Yazoo City.....	100 00	100 00	
ke.	Brandon.....	95 00	95 00	
ry	Holmes County.....	70 00	70 00	
	Summit.....	85 00	80 00	5 00
sion.	Hernando.....	30 00		30 00
the Nativity.	Macon.....	70 00	50 00	20 00
nes and St. Paul.	Port Gibson & G. Gulf.	50 00	50 00	
bans	Bovina.....	50 00	50 00	
rk.	Raymond.....	50 00	30 00	20 00
any	Claiborne County.....	40 00	40 00	
the Mediator.	Meridian.....	40 00	40 00	
h at	Enterprise.....	40 00	17 50	23 50
the Messiah.	Shuqualak.....	40 00	38 00	2 00
Good Shepherd.	Terry.....	35 00	25 00	10 00
hn	Lake Washington.....	35 00	35 00	
idrew.	Marshall County.....	30 00	30 00	
hn	Early Grove.....	30 00	30 00	
l of the Cross...	Madison County.....	30 00	30 00	
the Savior.	Osyka.....	30 00	15 00	15 00
Holy Comforter.	Dry Grove.....	35 00	35 00	
	Carrollton.....	25 00	25 00	
phen.	Panola.....	25 00	20 00	5 00
threw	Clinton.....	25 00		
de	Corinth.....	25 00		
	Okolona.....	20 00	15 00	5 00
l of Holy Com'n'n	Warren County.....	20 00		
the Advent	Washington County.....	20 00	17 05	2 95
rk.	Mississippi City.....	12 00		
ke.	Shieldsborough.....	5 00	5 00	
illip	Kirkwood.....	25 00		
b, Lauderdale, Forest, Morton, Wahalak,				
an, State Line, and Garlandville, Mis-				
y Stations.		80 00	50 00	30 00
Total.....		\$3357 00	\$2953 40	\$403 89

Of the foregoing assessment there has been paid to the Bishop and remitted to this office the sum of \$3357 29, which leaves a balance due the Bishop's salary from said Parishes, of \$403 89, for the year just ended.

In addition to the above, the following sums have been paid on account of arrears due Bishop's salary for the years 1867 and 1868:

Christ Church, Vicksburg.....	\$ 171 00
St. Luke's, Brandon.....	28 85
St. Paul, Woodville, (overpaid).....	36 32
Church Hill, (overpaid).....	105 45
Trinity Church, Yazoo City.....	67 50
Christ Church, Church Hill.....	25 00
St. Paul, Columbus.....	15 00
Holy Communion, Warren County.....	11 10
Grace Church, Carrollton.....	7 50
St. John's, Early Grove.....	10 00
St. John's, Lake Washington.....	35 00
Epiphany, Claiborne County.....	20 00
Port Gibson and Grand Gulf (overpaid).....	7 00
Madison Station.....	17 00
Total.....	\$ 556 73

Notes due the Episcopal Fund.

Which remain the same as at last Council, with accrued interest, as follows:

NAME.	DATE.	PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.
1 M. W. Ewing.....	April 1, 1862.....	\$ 100 00	\$ 80 00
2 Wm. Yerger.....	April 1, 1860.....	500 00	504 16
3 J. D. Stewart.....	September 1, 1861.....	125 00	108 38
4 W. D. Bibb.....	June 1, 1861.....	200 00	178 39
5 J. D. Shields.....	January 1, 1866.....	200 00	116 00
6 W. B. Shields.....	May 1, 1863.....	200 00	140 00
7 E. J. Hinton.....	April 1, 1860.....	250 00	250 00
8 W. C. Smedes.....	January 1, 1863.....	500 00	366 00
9 E. M. Yerger.....	January 1, 1864.....	1000 00	633 00
10 E. A. & G. R. Fall.....	February 20, 1866.....	2500 00	887 35
Interest to May 1, 1870.....		\$5575 00	\$3263 28
Total.....		\$8838 28	

No reports have been received during the past year from the following Parishes, to-wit:

St. Mathews.....	Clinton.	St. Jude.....	Corinth.
St. Mark.....	Miss. City.	St. Philip.....	Kirkwood.
Ascension.....	Hernando.		

Our accounts show a balance due to Bishop's salary from all sources to date (and unpaid), total, \$2429 35, to which we respectfully call the attention of the Council, and would respectfully recommend that all arrears due by the Parishes previous to the present year, be remitted.

Klein, Treasurer, in ac't. with Diocese of Mississippi:

			Dr.
	To Christ Church.....	Holly Springs.....	\$ 25 00
	Trinity.....	Natchez.....	39 00
	Christ.....	Holly Springs.....	5 00
	Christ.....	Vicksburg.....	90 10
	Early Grove to Bishop.....		10 00
	Pass Christian.....		100 00
	Lake Washington.....		35 00
	Osyka.....		15 00
	Summit.....		30 00
	Shieldsborough.....		5 00
t 3.	St. Andrews.....	Jackson.....	93 15
	St. Albans.....	Bovina.....	6 50
t 17.	Woodville to Bishop.....		135 00
r 5.	Christ Church.....	Vicksburg.....	150 25
r 7.	Trinity.....	Yazoo City.....	55 00
ber 1.	St. Albans.....	Bovina.....	14 50
ber 20	Epiphany.....	Claiborne County.....	20 00
	St. Mark.....	Raymond.....	30 00
ber 7.	Christ Church.....	Church Hill.....	50 00
	St. Paul.....	Woodville.....	88 77
	Port Gibson and Gr'd Gulf.....		57 00
	Calvary Church.....	Holmes County.....	34 80
	".....	".....	17 50
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y 1.	Christ Church.....	Holly Springs.....	41 00
	Madison Station.....	Madison County.....	17 00
	St. Andrews.....	Jackson.....	20 00
	Grace.....	Canton.....	90 00
	Christ Church, on account of old assessment.....	Vicksburg.....	100 00
	Trinity.....	Natchez.....	150 00
	St. John's.....	Aberdeen.....	40 00
	St. Andrews.....	Jackson.....	40 00
	Christ Church.....	Vicksburg.....	96 75
	Chapel of Holy Communion.....	Diamond Place.....	31 00
y 10.	Trinity Church.....	Yazoo City.....	62 50
	Church of the Mediator.....	Meridian.....	36 35
	State Line.....		10 00
	Enterprise.....		17 50
	Lauderdale.....		10 00
	DeKalb.....		5 00
	Okolona.....		15 00
	Columbus.....		25 00
ry 1.	Christ Church.....	Summit.....	50 00
	Trinity.....	Yazoo City.....	50 00
	".....	".....	12 00
	St. Andrews.....	Jackson.....	1 60
	Church of the Messiah.....	Shuqualak.....	8 00
	Church at.....	Wahalak.....	10 90
	Church of the Mediator.....	Meridian.....	2 00
	St. Paul.....	Columbus.....	10 00
	Lake Washington, to Bishop.....		35 00
	Church of the Messiah.....	Shuqualak.....	30 00
	Church at Macon, to Bishop.....		50 00
	St. Paul.....	Columbus.....	150 00
	St. John.....	Aberdeen.....	30 00
	Chapel of the Cross.....	Madison County.....	30 00
—	St. John.....	Bovina.....	15 00
	Church at DeKalb, to Bishop.....		15 00
			\$2412 17

J. A. Klein, Treasurer, in act with Diocese of Mississippi :

1870.			Dr.
March —	Brought Forward		\$2412 71
	To Grace Church	Carrollton	32 51
	Christ	Holly Springs	45 01
	St. Albans	Bovina	6 01
	St. Paul's	Woodville	60 01
April 6.	Christ Church	Church Hill	205 41
	Church at	Aberdeen	20 01
	St. Andrew's	Marshall County	20 01
	St. John's	Early Grove	30 01
	St. Stephen's	Panola	20 01
	Epiphany Parish	Claiborne County	40 01
	Church of Holy Comforter	Dry Grove	35 01
	Washington Co. (to cash)		17 01
	Christ Church	Vicksburg	109 01
	St. Luke	Brandon	90 01
	"	"	33 81
April 27.	St. Paul	Woodville	2 81
	Church of Good Shepherd	Terry	25 01
	St. John	Aberdeen	20 00
	Mediator	Meridian	1 00
	St. Andrews	Jackson	40 00
	Church of the Nativity	Macon	15 00
	Calvary	Holmes County	17 70
	Joseph Shields, on account of	Interest	10 00
	Trinity Church	Natchez	30 00
	"	"	100 00
	Grace Church	Canton	40 00
	Christ	Holly Springs	5 00
	St. Peter's	Oxford	100 00
	St. Andrew's	Marshall County	10 00
			\$3652 02
	Due to Balance		114 90
	Total		\$3766 92

Diocese of Mississippi in ac't. with J. A. Klein, Treasurer :

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July 14.	Balance due on last year.....	\$ 488 18
	Paid balance due General Convention.....	24 50
	Early Grove to Bishop.....	10 00
	Pass Christian ".....	100 00
	Lake Washington ".....	35 00
	Osyka ".....	15 00
	Summit ".....	30 00
	Shieldsborough ".....	5 00
	Cash paid ".....	400 00
August 17.	Woodville ".....	135 00
August 21.	Cash ".....	200 00
September 7.	Cash ".....	250 00
	Grace, Canton, ".....	90 00
	St. Andrew's, Jackson.....	20 00
	Paid Rev. Geo. W. Stickney, commissions.....	41 50
September 21.	Cash to Bishop.....	350 00
	Paid Rev. G. W. Stickney, commissions.....	34 88
	" " " ".....	27 86
	" " " ".....	5 00
	Lake Washington to Bishop.....	35 00
	Shugualak ".....	30 00
	Macon ".....	50 00
	Columbus ".....	150 00
	Aberdeen ".....	30 00
	Madison County ".....	30 00
	Cash ".....	500 00
	Aberdeen ".....	20 00
	Paid balance to General Convention.....	7 00
	Carrollton to Bishop.....	32 50
	Holly Springs ".....	45 00
	Woodville ".....	60 00
	Church Hill ".....	205 45
	Marshall County ".....	20 00
	Early Grove ".....	30 00
	Panola ".....	20 00
	Claiborne Co. ".....	40 00
	Dry Grove ".....	35 00
	Washington Co. ".....	17 05
	Cash ".....	10 00
	Brandon ".....	90 00
	Rev. G. W. Stickney, commissions.....	8 00
	Canton to Bishop.....	40 00
		\$3766 92
	By balance due Treasurer.....	\$ 114 90
	Due the Bishop prior to this year.....	\$1164 69
	Due the Bishop, salary for current year.....	3000 00
		\$4164 69
	Amount paid on same.....	3130 00
	Balance due Bishop to date.....	\$1034 69

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. A. KLEIN, Treasurer.

April 28, 1870.

The Election of Diocesan Officers being declared in order, Rev. Messrs. Carnahan and Laughlin were appointed tellers, and the Council proceeded to ballot for the same.

CLERICAL—Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D.,
Rev. Geo. C. Harris.

There being no majority in favor of the second Lay member, another vote was ordered.

The succeeding elections were also *viva voce*, and resulted as follows:

Messrs. Jno. A. Klein, Jno. Duncan, and Wm. Yerger.

Rev. James A. Fox,
Rev. H. Sansom, D. D.,

Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D.,
Rev. Geo. C. Harris,
Rev. W. K. Douglas.

T. E. B. Pegues.

The following report was submitted :

JAS. S. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was accepted and the persons therein nominated to the Council were unanimously nominated to the General Convention for election to the vacancies in the Trusteeship of the General Theological Seminary from this Diocese.

The Rt. Rev. President here took the Chair.

On motion, the Secretary read the Parochial Reports.

The Council then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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EVENING SERVICES.

Evening Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Jas. S. Johnston, Jr., and D. S. Goodloe. A sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH PARISH,

JACKSON, MASONIC HALL, April 29, 1870.

The Council met at 10 o'clock, and the proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. President.

Present, in addition to those yesterday—Hon. H. F. Simrall, Christ Church, Vicksburg. Absent—Rev. Albert Lyon and Messrs. Shelby, Macfarlane, Barr, Fitzhugh, and Harris.

The minutes of the two preceding days were read, amended, and adopted.

The Secretary read a communication from the Secretary and Treasurer of the General Convention, calling for an additional assessment upon the Diocese to defray the expenses of the General Convention.

On motion, Ordered that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Council remit the amount—seven dollars—to the Treasurer of the General Convention.

The Lay Delegates of the Council generously offered to contribute the sum, and seven dollars and ninety cents were immediately collected.

The Committee appointed at the last Council to consider the proposition to change the time of the Annual Meeting of the Council, presented the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution introduced into the last Annual Council, in reference to the change of the Annual Meeting of this Council from the last Wednesday in April to the last Wednesday in November, respectfully report :

That they have endeavored to ascertain the views of the Diocese, as to the proposed change, and to consider the expediency and propriety of the measure, and are satisfied that said change ought to be made, for the following, among other reasons :

1. The season of the year in which the Council is now held, is perhaps the most difficult period in which to collect the money, and so contributes to aggravate the deficiencies in this respect exhibited by the Parochial Reports and finds many willing Laymen unable to spare the necessary funds to pay their expenses to the Council.

2. It is a season of floods, whereby a full attendance upon Council is frequently rendered impossible.

3. It is about the most busy time of the whole year for the Agriculturist, and hence is a great impediment to the attendance of Lay Delegates, especially from our rural Parishes.

4. It is earlier in the year, as your Committee believe, than the meeting of any other Council within the jurisdiction of the General Convention.

5. Your Committee believe it to be, so far as they have been able to ascertain, the desire of a large majority of our people, that our Council should assemble some time in the Autumn, instead of in the Spring; and that the above objections to our present time of meeting do not operate, at least, not with the same force, against a Fall session.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the Resolution referred to them at the last Annual Council, and found on page 18 of the Journal thereof, amended so as to change the time to the second Thursday in November, instead of the fourth Wednesday; and thus amended, they recommend that said resolution do pass.

Your Committee recommend the said amendments to the resolution, because it not unfrequently happens that bad weather sets in soon after the middle of November, but rarely ever before that time; and it is deemed that three days will be amply sufficient to complete the work of the Council, tend to expedite business, and better suit the convenience of all who attend its sittings.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. S. STITH.

On motion the Report was made the next special order, and the Council took recess for Divine Services.

Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. W. H. Burton and Geo. C. Harris.

A sermon was preached by Rev. W. Carnahan, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

Council was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President.

Committee on Constitution and Canons, to which was referred subject of Clergymen absent from the Diocese without permission, read a Report.

motion, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, as to absent Clergymen, etc., be recommitted, with instructions to a Canon providing for the omission from the List of the Clergy of the Diocese the names of Clergymen who have been absent from the Diocese two years or more, without permission.

Rt. Rev. President read the following communication :

THE RT. REV. WM. M. GREEN, D. D.,

President of the Diocesan Council :

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR.—I desire, most respectfully, to decline the honor on the Standing Committee of the Diocese, to which I was, on yesterday, re-elected by the Council.

I am profoundly grateful for these repeated marks of the trust and confidence of my fellow-members of the Council; and whilst I have no intention, under any circumstances, to shrink from the performance of my duty, yet I must pray the Council so far to indulge me on this occasion, as to permit my successor before final adjournment.

With the highest regard and esteem, I am, Reverend and Dear Sir,

Most Sincerely Yours,

JOHN DUNCAN.

ANNUAL COUNCIL, April 29, 1870.

motion, the resignation was accepted.

Council immediately proceeded to the election of a Lay member to fill the vacancy so occasioned.

ballot being dispensed with, Mr. G. D. Sidway was unanimously

special order being taken up, the Resolution to change the time of the next meeting of the Annual Council, as amended in the Report of the Committee, was not adopted.

motion, Hon. H. F. Simrall was added to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

motion, the Bishop and Standing Committee were requested to take such action in the case of the Church edifice of St. Andrew's Parish, Marshall County, as they may see proper.

motion, the Report of the Finance Committee was made the order for 4 o'clock, P. M., and the Council adjourned until that

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council was called to order by Rev. Dr. Crane.

Mr. T. A. McWillie, Lay Delegate from St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood, presented his credentials and took his seat in the Council.

The Treasurer of the Council presented the following statement :

Received by W. C. Crane, D. D., from former Treasurer.....	\$161 50	
		\$161 50
Paid for Printing Journal.....	\$150 00	
Postage on same.....	3 50	
		\$153 50
Balance.....		\$ 8 00

DUNCAN C. GREEN, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted their Report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report that after examination they can find nothing that requires the notice of the Council.

E. C. LAUGHLIN,
WM. BARR.

The Council, on motion, took recess for half an hour until the Committees were ready to report.

At the expiration of that time the session was resumed, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee read the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Diocesan Treasurer, beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Convention, the following

ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 1870-71.

The following is recommended as the assessment for Bishop's salary and contingent expenses:

NAME.	LOCATION.	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Expenses
St. Church.	Vicksburg.	\$ 350 00	\$45 00
City Church.	Natchez.	350 00	45 00
Andrew's Church.	Jackson.	250 00	35 00
St. Church.	Holly Springs.	180 00	20 00
Aul's Church.	Columbus.	170 00	20 00
e Church.	Canton.	150 00	20 00
uke's Church.	Brandon.	135 00	15 00
ity Church.	Yazoo City.	125 00	15 00
eter's Church.	Oxford.	100 00	12 00
st Church.	Church Hill.	100 00	12 00
ch of the Holy Trinity.	Vicksburg.	100 00	12 00
ohn's Church.	Aberdeen.	90 00	10 00
aul's Church.	Woodville.	80 00	10 00
imes and St. Paul.	Port Gibson & Gd. Gulf.	75 00	10 00
hany Church.	Claiborne County.	70 00	10 00
ch of the Holy Comforter.	Dry Grove.	60 00	10 00
el of the Cross.	Madison County.	55 00	5 00
e Church.	Carrollton.	50 00	5 00
ch of the Mediator.	Meridian.	60 00	8 00
hilip's Church.	Kirkwood.	25 00	5 00
nsion Church.	Hernando.	30 00	5 00
e Chapel.	Grenada.	30 00	5 00
ary Church.	Holmes County.	70 00	10 00
st Church.	Summit.	75 00	10 00
ch of the Nativity.	Macon.	50 00	5 00
lban's.	Bovina.	50 00	8 00
arks.	Raymond.	50 00	8 00
ch at.	Enterprise.	20 00	5 00
ch of the Messiah.	Shuqualak.	30 00	5 00
ch of the Good Shepherd.	Terry.	45 00	5 00
ohn's Church.	Lake Washington.	50 00	5 00
ndrew's Church.	Marshall County.	30 00	5 00
ohn's Church.	Early Grove.	40 00	5 00
ephen's Church.	Panola.	25 00	5 00
atthew's Church.	Clinton.	25 00	5 00
ade's Church.	Corinth.	25 00	5 00
e Church.	Okolona.	30 00	5 00
el of the Holy Communion.	Warren County.	20 00	5 00
ark's Church.	Mississippi City.	12 00	3 00
uke's Church.	Shieldsborough.	5 00	2 00
ty Church.	Crystal Springs.	10 00	2 50
onary Stations.		50 00	5 00
ty Church.	Pass Christian.	100 00	12 00
imes' Church.	Greenville.	50 00	5 00
ch at.	Scooba.	50 00	8 00
ch of the Nativity.	Water Valley.	45 00	5 00
Total.		\$3592 00	472 50

Your Committee report, also, that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Diocesan Treasurer, and that they find the same to be correct in every particular. It appears from the statement submitted by the Treasurer, that the Diocese is still in arrears to the Bishop, in the sum of \$1033 69; and that this indebtedness be speedily discharged, your Committee ask the adoption by the Council of the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That there shall be had in each Parish, on the fourth Sunday in January, April, July, and October, in every year, or on the succeeding Sunday thereafter on which services may be held, a collection for the purpose of raising the amount assessed on such Parish, for the Bishop's salary, and that the Treasurer of each Parish, shall forthwith remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese the sums so collected.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished by the Secretary of the Council to each Rector, or to the Senior Warden of each Parish, with directions to have them read to their congregations, on the Sunday preceding the day fixed for the collection.

Resolved, That the Rectors of the several Parishes be requested to have a mite box placed in their respective Churches, and call attention to the same; and that all amounts so contributed and raised, be used in the payment of the indebtedness due the Bishop.

Resolved, That all arrearages due and unpaid prior to the meeting of the Council in 1869, be and are hereby remitted.

Your Committee beg also to state that they have had under consideration the Report of the Special Treasurer, appointed by the Council of 1869, and beg in connection therewith to submit, and ask the adoption thereof by the Council, of the following:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property be, and are hereby authorized to make such disposition of all, or any part thereof, as in their judgment may be deemed proper, and convert the same into money, to be held subject to the future action of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN DUNCAN, Chairman.
W. T. BALFOUR,
T. E. B. PEGUES,
ALEX. MONTGOMERY,
OLIVER MATTHEWS.

Submitted:

DIOCESAN COUNCIL, April 29, 1870.

On motion, the foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Rt. Rev. President took the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee on Diocesan Schools, read the report of the Committee:

The Committee on Diocesan Schools respectfully report that on looking over the Diocese, we find but three that can strictly be called Church Schools.

The oldest in existence is Wilson Hall. This is a Parochial School under the oversight of Rev. W. K. Douglas, Rector of St. John's, Early Grove, Marshall County. It is intended to afford instruction to children of indigent parents, and as such we heartily commend it to the favorable consideration of the Church in this Diocese.

St. John's School, at Pass Christian, under the charge of Rev. W. E. Phillips, is the only Church School in the Southern portion of the Diocese, and both by its past and present success, merits the favor and patronage of our people. We regret the absence of a report from its excellent Rector.

We are gratified to learn that a Parochial School has been organized in Grace Church Parish, Canton, which is under the exclusive charge of the Rector, in which the exercises of the School are daily opened and closed with the Services of the Church; and where free tuition is provided for all who are not able to bear the expense.

But we are particularly gratified with the report from the Annandale Training School and Mission House, connected with the Chapel of the Cross, Madison County, and under the care and supervision of the Rev. George C. Harris.

This is an institution which has been organized during the past year, its primary object being to provide, at as small an expense as possible, the opportunity for education to such boys and young men as may be disposed, by the grace of God, to devote themselves to the work of the Holy Ministry. At this Institution, boys and young men not preparing for the Ministry are also received, in order that the expenses may be fully met. As an institution where the moral as well as the intellectual nature of the students is attended to, we heartily commend it to the prayers and patronage of all Church members and others throughout the Diocese. The training of those indigenous to our own soil to the work of the Holy Ministry, is an object so long lost sight of, and so lofty in its aims, and promises so much for our feeble Diocese, that we cannot commend it too warmly to the Church people of our Diocese, or speak too highly in praise of the self-denial and labors of its worthy Rector.

The education of our youth is too much neglected by the Church in this Diocese; and instead of taking the lead in all matters pertaining to the education of the higher nature in man, the Church is far behind the denominations in this State.

Hoping by the grace of God, that more zeal and faith may be infused into our Church in this respect,

We subscribe ourselves, in Christ Jesus,

HENRY SANSOM,
DUNCAN C. GREEN,
ALEX F. SAMUELS.

The Council here proceeded to appoint the place of meeting of the next Annual Council.

Natchez and Holly Springs were put in nomination.

The Council selected Natchez by acclamation.

On motion, the time of meeting was changed from the *last Wednesday* to the *last Thursday* in April.

The following report of the Committee on the Episcopal Residence was received and the resolutions adopted :

The Committee to whom the question of the Bishop's residence was referred, beg leave to recommend the re-adoption of the three first resolutions of the last Council upon the same subject, viz :

Resolved, That we recognize with thankfulness the overruling Providence which has brought good out of evil in rendering the enforced removal of our beloved Bishop from his Diocese the means of his restoration to health.

Resolved, That while we acknowledge our obligations to furnish him a home in our midst, and would have him always amongst us, we are even more solicitous in regard to his health, and readily acquiesce in the occupancy by himself and family of his home on the Sewanee Mountain during the sickly season of the year.

Resolved, That until the Episcopal residence is rebuilt it will devolve upon the standing Committee to provide suitable accommodations for the Bishop and his family, for that portion of the year he may think best to reside in the Diocese.

The Committee being unable to agree upon any other specific recommendations on the subject, respectfully ask to be relieved from its further consideration.

T. E. B. PEGUES, Chairman.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be unanimously and cordially returned to the citizens of Jackson, for their warm-hearted hospitality to the members of this body, and likewise to the Masonic fraternity for generously allowing us the use of their Hall for our accommodation; and that the Rev. Dr. Crane be requested to make known to both this acknowledgment of their courtesy and kindness; and that we do hereby express our deep sympathy with the Rector and Members of this Parish under the severe trials, and the numerous discouragements, through which they have been called to pass during the past seven years; and that our thanks be also tendered to all public conveyances for courtesies extended to us.

On motion, the Council took recess for evening service.

EVENING SERVICES.

Evening Prayer was said by Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., and Rev. A. W. Clarke.

The sermon was preached by Rev. E. C. Laughlin.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Clergy of the Diocese, standing before the Bishop, presented to him, through their Senior Brother in Ministry—Rev. James A. Fox—a Pastoral Staff, as an emblem of office, and as a token of their affection and confidence.

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EVENING SESSION.

After the meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society, the Council is called to order by the Rt. Rev. President:

The following report was submitted:

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report:

From the evidences laid before us we find the Church in this Diocese largely on the increase. We believe this may be said not only of the outward material growth, but of a deep spiritual interest. We find that five new parishes have been duly organized and admitted to representation in this Council. Five new Church buildings are in progress of erection. The number of ordinations exceeds that of any previous year, and there are still on the list nine Candidates for Orders. Besides the number of baptisms reported by the Clergy, which will appear in the summary of Parochial reports, we find that our Bishop has himself baptized thirty-three adults, and sixty-five infants, making a total of ninety-five. The number of Confirmations is two hundred and six. The contributions for Church purposes, reported, are larger than might, from our changed circumstances, have been expected, amounting to about eighteen thousand dollars. Thus seeming to show that the adversity which has swept over our people has not been without its blessing in reminding them of their obligations to the Church of God. Increased attention is also paid to Sunday and Parochial Schools.

On motion,

The Clerical members of the Standing Committee and the Secretary of the Council were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable form for Parochial Reports.

On motion,

The Secretary of the Council was authorized to condense the Parochial Reports into a Tabular Statement.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Council print seven hundred and fifty copies of the Journal.

The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons was authorized to prepare the following report of the Committee, after the adjournment of the Council, his indisposition having prevented previous action :

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the resolution instructing said Committee to prepare a Canon for the government of Convocations, respectfully beg leave to report :

Inasmuch as a system of Convocations has already been organized, with Constitutions and regulations provided by these several bodies themselves, and a change at the present time might be inconvenient, it is deemed by your Committee inexpedient for this Council to take any action in the matter.

WM. K. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

On motion, after an address from the Rt. Rev. President, and prayers, and the benediction by him, and singing a hymn, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM MERCER GREEN,

Bishop of Mississippi, President.

Attest :

DUNCAN C. GREEN, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX A.

Parochial Reports.

FOR SUMMARY, SEE TABULAR STATEMENT.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH—RAYMOND.

Families, 15; Communicants, 22; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Pupils, 25; Marriages, 1.

Contributions—Support of Episcopate, \$30 00.

R. McLEAN,
Senior Warden.

CALVARY CHURCH—HOLMES COUNTY.

Families, 15; Communicants, 31; Baptisms, Infant, 7; Marriages, 1; Funerals, 1.

Contributions—Domestic Missions, \$7 00; support of Episcopate, \$70 00.

B. HALSTEAD,
Rector.

GRACE CHURCH—CARROLLTON, AND MISSIONS ON M. C. R. R.

Families, 33; Communicants, 20; Sunday School Teachers, 6; Pupils, 22; Confirmations, 4; Baptisms, Adult, 6, white, 2, colored infants, 17; Marriages, 5; Funerals, 5.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$32 15; Nashotah, \$25 00; Support of Episcopate, \$32 50; Improvement in Buildings, \$15 65; Sunday Schools, \$20 00.

About \$400 00 has been raised in the newly organized Parish of Water Valley (Nativity), for the purchase of an organ (now bought), and a suitable Church lot.

About \$275 00 has been donated at Torrance for the erection of a Church edifice. The Church of the Nativity has now 17 families and 17 Communicants.

A. F. SAMUELS,
Rector and Missionary.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER—DRY GROVE.

Families, 10; Communicants, 25; Sunday School Teachers, 4; Pupils, 53; Confirmations, 4; Baptisms, Adult, 2, Infant, 10; Marriages, 2; Funerals, 1.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$9 75; Domestic Missions, \$5 00; Support of Episcopate, \$35 00; Contingent Fund, \$5 00.

E. H. DABNEY,
Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—WOODVILLE.

Families, 26; Communicants, 42; Sunday School Teachers, 7; Pupils, 47; Baptisms, Adults, 2, Infants, 5; Marriage, 1; Funerals, 2.

Contributions—Support of Episcopate, \$270 35; Contingent Fund, \$10 58; Church Purposes, \$4 35.

This report is from January 1.

W. H. BURTON,
Rector.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS—MADISON COUNTY.

Families, 9, Communicants, 22; Sunday School Teachers, 1; Pupils, 10; Confirmations, 5; Baptisms, Adult, 1, Infant, 1; Marriages, 2 white, 1 colored; Funerals, 3 white, 1 colored.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$12 00; Support of Episcopate, \$30 00; Contingent Fund, \$5 00; Charitable Purposes, \$35 00; Repairing Organ, \$25 00; Special to Bishop, \$82 00.

GEO. C. HARRIS,
Rector.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY—VICKSBURG.

Communicants, 40; Sunday School Teachers, 10; Pupils, 50; Confirmations, 5; Baptisms, Adults, 3, Infants, 3; Marriages, 2; Funerals, 2.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$56 00; Communion Alms and other Purposes, \$139 00.

This report covers the time for which I have had charge of the Parish from the second week in February in the present year—about ten months. The Parish had previously been gratuitously served by the Rev. Albert Lyon, Principal of St. Stephen's Academy; to whose services I have freely rendered, it owes much of its prosperity.

W. W. LORD,
Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH—YAZOO CITY.

Members, 38; Communicants, 49; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Pupils, 50; Confirmations, 7; Baptisms, Adult, 1, Infants, 13; Marriages, 2; Funerals, 2.

Contributions—Domestic Missions, \$26 10; Support of Episcopate, \$12 00; Contingent Fund, \$12 00; Charitable Purposes and other, \$164 15; University of the South, \$12 00; Sunday School, \$20 65; Building Fund, \$2449 00; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$75.

W. D. CHRISTIAN,
Rector.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION—HERNANDO.

Members, 10; Communicants, 11; Sunday School Teachers, 3; Pupils, 30; Confirmations, 1; Baptisms, Infants, 5; Marriages, 5; Funerals, 5.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$5 00; Support of Episcopate, \$5 00; Contingent Fund, \$5 00; Improvement in Buildings, \$456 25. I have been in charge of this Parish February 17, 1870, succeeding Rev. Mr. [Name], who has resigned. I confidently expect to greatly enlarge our School, when the weather is more favorable. The Parishioners are all anxious and hopeful.

D. S. GOODLOE,
Deacon in Charge.

GRACE CHAPEL—GRENADA.

Families, 18 ; Communicants, 11 ; Confirmations, 3.

Contributions—Support of Episcopate, \$15 00 ; Contingent Fund, \$5 00 ; Improvement in Building, \$230 50 ; Building Fund, \$235 50.

My ministrations in this Parish began March 1, 1870, up to which time it had been under the missionary charge of Rev. A. F. Samuel, during whose term the Parish organization was effected. When a suitable place is secured, we can open a Sunday School with six Teachers and about 30 Pupils. Measures have been taken to begin building a handsome Gothic Chapel in the ensuing May.

D. S. GOODLOE,
Deacon and Rector elect.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH—KIRKWOOD.

Families, 7 ; Communicants, 16 ; Sunday School Pupils, 15 ; Baptisms, Infants, 3 ; Marriages, colored, 2.

Contributions—For Sunday School Books, etc., \$8 00.

W. PRESBURY,
Rector.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR—OSYKA.

Communicants, 14 ; Sunday School Teachers, 2 ; Pupils, 10 ; Baptisms, Infants, 7 ; Marriage, 1 ; Funerals, 2.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$28 65 ; Ladies' Sewing Society, \$15 00.

Divine Service held in the early part of the year three times. Rev. R. B. Croes officiated from December 25, 1869 to March 27, 1870.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—JACKSON.

Families, 87 ; Communicants, 94 ; Sunday School Teachers, 9 ; Pupils, 91 ; Confirmations, 17 ; Baptisms, Adults, 8, Infants, 18 ; Marriages, 3 ; Funerals, 13.

Contributions—University of the South, \$11 00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$29 20 ; Foreign Missions, \$8 40 ; Communion Alms, \$113 50 ; Support of Episcopate, \$194 80 ; General Offertory, \$346 50 ; Contingent Fund, \$35 00.

The Rector withholds his report of the amount contributed by Parishioners and others towards rebuilding the Parish Church until it shall be in a condition to be occupied. Various causes have combined to retard the carrying on of this important work, and in consequence, we have labored under many disadvantages. We are not without hope, however, that our wanderings from one *upper room* to another will soon cease, and our congregation again, as in the old time, be permitted to assemble in the House of God.

W. C. CRANE,
Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—PORT GIBSON.

Families, 12; Communicants, 30; Confirmation, 1; Baptisms, Adult, 1, Infant, 1; Marriages, 3.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$25 00; Communion Alms, \$22 40.

J. S. JOHNSTON, JR.,
Rector.

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR—MERIDIAN.

Communicants, 22; Confirmations, 3; Baptisms, Adults, 4.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$7 50; Support of Episcopate, \$40 00; Contingent Fund, \$5 00.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY—MACON.

Communicants, 14; Confirmation, 1; Baptisms, Adult, 1, Infant, 1.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$7 00; Support of Episcopate, \$65 00.

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Communicants, 5.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH—SHUQUALAK.

Communicants, 11; Confirmations, 2; Baptisms, Adult, 1.

It is a pleasure to mention that both Macon and Meridian are displaying considerable activity in arranging for the maintenance of a regular monthly ministration, and for the erection of Church

Buildings, and in the latter case actually raising the structure. The undersigned respectfully reports that from November to January last, he was engaged as the Special Agent of the Standing Committee, to visit the Parishes in arrears to the Bishop's salary. He arranged so as to visit vacant Parishes on Lord's Day, and celebrate Divine Services. He is now Rector elect of Meridian and Macon, the former place being his residence. He has also officiated at Shuqualak, Scooba, Lauderdale and Enterprise, with two visits to State Line, and also has celebrated Divine Services twice at Summit and once at Crystal Springs.

G. W. STICKNEY,
Missionary in Charge.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH—BOVINA.

Communicants, 20; Baptisms, Adults, 3; Infants, white, 4, colored, 4; Marriages, 2 white, 4 colored; Funerals, 2.

Contributions—For Church Edifice, \$800 00, (\$100 00 from abroad,) Support of Episcopate, \$50 00.

A small wooden Church Building is in process of erection, and we trust will be in a condition to be occupied in the course of three or four weeks. Services have been regularly kept up by Mr. Hannum, Lay Reader, and Rev. A. Lyon.

JAS. A. FOX,
Rector.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH—BRANDON.

Families, 14; Communicants, 54; Sunday School Teachers, 8; Pupils, 55; Confirmations 12; Baptisms, Adult 1, Infants, 5; Funerals, 1.

Contributions—Domestic Missions, \$9 45; Support of Episcopate, \$95 00; Contingent Fund, \$12 00; for Church Edifice, \$6,046 85; General Expenses, \$400 00.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,
Acting Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH—HOLLY SPRINGS.

Families, 34; Communicants, 72; Sunday School Teachers, 7; Pupils, 50; Confirmations, 5; Baptisms, Adults, 12, Infants, white, 18, colored, 2; Marriages, 4; Funerals, 8.

Contributions—Weekly Offerings for Rector's Living, \$201 66; Church Repairs, \$250 00; University of the South, \$17 00; Rector's Study, \$63 56; Support of Episcopate, \$91 00.

The Rector deeply regrets that his Parish has failed to pay the whole assessment made upon it for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expenses. The first time the Rector has ever been delinquent. He respectfully reports to the Bishop that he is unable to collect the whole amount, and he requests that the balance in arrears be remitted, and the assessment on the Parish be reduced. The Parish is heavily in debt, and the Church is undergoing some much needed repairs.

J. T. PICKETT,
Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH—SUMMIT.

Families, 11; Communicants, 26; Sunday School Teachers, 9; Pupils, 52.

Contributions—Contingent Fund, \$10 00.

A Parsonage will probably be completed and paid for by the first of October next, and it is hoped and expected that a Church Edifice will be erected before the close of the year.

WM. H. GARLAND,
Junior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—EARLY GROVE.

Families, 14; Communicants, 16; Sunday School Teachers, 10; Pupils, 50; Baptisms, Infants, 3; Marriages 8; Funerals, 6.

Contributions—Organ, \$150 00; Sunday School Expenses, \$30 00; on Rectory Repairs, \$100 00; Support of Episcopate, \$40 00; Domestic Missions, \$5 00; Midnight Mission, \$2 00.

W. K. DOUGLAS,
Rector.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH—MARSHALL COUNTY.

Families, 9; Baptisms, Infants, 5; Marriage, 1; Funeral, 1.

Contributions—\$94 00.

The Parish Church being remote from the dwellings of most of those at present comprising the congregation, with the advice and consent of the Bishop, its services are now held in a public building in the Village of Lamar, on the Mississippi Central Railroad. These are well attended, and we have encouraging prospects of doing a good work.

W. K. DOUGLAS,

Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH—NATCHEZ.

Families, 100; Communicants, 130; Sunday School Teachers, 13; Pupils, 115; Confirmations, 18; Baptisms, Adults, 8; Infants, 35; Marriages, 13; Funerals, 25.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$161 70; Communion Alms, \$250 76; other charitable objects, \$93 78; Support of Episcopate, \$350 00; Contingent Fund, \$45 00; Improvement in Buildings, \$750 00; Sunday School, \$100 00; Special Charity, \$100 00; General Purposes, \$173 76.

The Rector of this Parish is thankful in being able to add to the above statistics, that its condition is much improved since the last Council. This is seen in the payment of the balance of the Church Debt, (of \$3,500 00.) improvements on the Church and Rectory, chiefly through the "Ladies Aid Society;" increased size of the congregations, on Sundays and during the week; and of the number of regular Communicants, and the general interest manifested in the Church services; amount of contributions; prosperous condition of the Sunday School; and a growing disposition and determination to sustain the Church and all its Institutions. For all which the Rector feels very grateful, and can only "thank God, and take courage."

C. B. DANA,

Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH—OXFORD.

Families, 16; Communicants, 11; Sunday School Teachers, 7; Pupils, 40; Confirmations, 11; Baptisms, Adults, 9; Infants, 11; Marriage, 1; Funerals, 2.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$40 87; Support of Episcopate, 00; Contingent Fund, \$10 00; University of the South, \$25 00; purposes and on hand, \$73 83.

THOS. E. B. PEGUES,
Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—COLUMBUS.

Communicants, 45; Baptisms, Adults, 3, Infants, 2; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5.

Contributions, \$1,000 00; Debt, \$900 00.

JOSEPH L. TUCKER,
Rector.

GRACE CHURCH—CANTON.

Families, 42; Communicants, 57; Sunday School Teachers, 7; Pupils, 30; Confirmations, 4; Baptisms, Adults, 2, Infants, 8; Marriages, Burials, 5.

A report of Contributions is made on account of sickness of the Rector.

Parish School has been organized to furnish gratuitous instruction and is unable to bear the expense of schooling.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,
Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH—VICKSBURG.

Families, 100; Communicants, 140; Sunday School Teachers, 24; Pupils, 105; Confirmations, 30; Baptisms, Adults, white, 19, colored, 31; Marriages, 14, (colored 1;) Funerals, 9.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$253 77; University of the South, 10; Sunday School, \$55 50; Missions in China, \$20 15; Diocesan Contributions, \$63 25; Special Charitable Object, \$190 00; Sunday School Offering, \$306 25; Support of Episcopate, \$375 00; Arrears of Bishop's Salary, \$71 00; Church Decorations, \$215 50; Current Expenses, \$592 01.

It may be proper to remark that the falling off in the number of Communicants is owing to the organization of the Parish of the Holy Trinity.

H. SANSOM,
Rector.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY COMMUNION—WARREN COUNTY.

Families, 12; Communicants, 5; Confirmations, colored, 3; Baptisms, Adults, 2, Infants, 10, (5 colored;) Funeral, 1 colored.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$20 00; Support of Episcopate, \$31 00; Improvement in Buildings, \$10 00.

E. C. LAUGHLIN,
Minister.

TRINITY CHURCH—PASS CHRISTIAN.

Families, 31; Communicants, 41; Sunday School Teachers, 10; Pupils, 70; Confirmations, 15; Baptisms, Adult, 1, Infants, 6; Marriages, 5; Funerals, 9.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$20 00; Support of Episcopate, \$100 00; Improvement in Buildings, \$750 04; Charitable Purposes, \$4 75; Sunday School and other Charitable Purposes, \$44 92.

WM. E. PHILLIPS,
Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—ABERDEEN.

Families, 30; Communicants, 36; Sunday School Teachers, 8; Pupils, 50; Confirmation, 1; Baptisms, Adult, 1, Infants, 5; Marriages, 4; Funerals, 7.

Contributions—Support of Episcopate, \$110 00; Charitable Purposes, \$21 25; Current Expenses, \$41 50; University of the South, \$5 55.

A. W. CLARKE,
Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH—CHURCH HILL.

Communicants, 40; Confirmations, 3; Baptisms, Infants, 18, (10 colored;) Marriages, 3; Funeral, 1.

Contributions—Support of Episcopate, \$205 00; Domestic Missions, \$47 00.

JAS. S. JOHNSTON,
Senior Warden.

EPIPHANY CHURCH—CLAIBORNE COUNTY.

Families, 16; Communicants, 28; Sunday School Teacher, 1; Pupils; Baptisms, Adults, 4, Infants, 15; Marriage, 1; Funeral, 1.
Contributions—Domestic Missions, \$10 00; Support of Episcopate, \$10 00; Contingent Fund, \$5 00.

This is the statement up to January 1, 1870—the termination of the late Rector's Rectorship.

WM. H. BURTON,
Former Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Families, 52; Communicants, 31; Sunday School Teachers, 3; Pupils; Confirmed persons, 44; Confirmations, 11; Baptisms, Adults, 4; Infants, 4; Marriages, 4.

Under charge of the Station, September 26, 1869. Organized the 1st of November 6, 1869.

In the absence of the Parish Treasurer a full report of funds cannot be made.

The Parish, though organized only seven months, is self-supporting; and, in that time, raised about \$1,000 00 towards building a Church; towards which there is also subscribed about \$3,000 00 more.

WALLACE CARNAHAN,
Rector.

TABULAR STATEMENT

PARISH.	LOCATION.	MINISTER.	Families.	Communicants.	Sund Scho	
					Teachers.	Scholars.
Christ.....	Vicksburg.	Rev. H. Sansom, D. D. <i>r.</i>	100	140	24	
Trinity.....	Natchez.	Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D. <i>r.</i>	100	130	13	
St. Andrew.....	Jackson.	Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D. <i>r.</i>	87	94	9	
Christ.....	Holly Springs.	Rev. J. T. Pickett, <i>r.</i>	34	72	7	
St. Paul.....	Columbus.	Rev. J. L. Tucker, <i>r.</i>		45		
Grace.....	Canton.	Rev. D. C. Green, <i>r.</i>	40	57	7	
St. Luke.....	Brandon.	Rev. W. D. Christian, <i>m.</i>	14	54	8	
Trinity.....	Yazoo City.	" " <i>r.</i>	38	49	5	
St. Peter.....	Oxford.	Vacant	16	41	7	
Christ.....	Church Hill.	"		40		
Ch. Holy Trinity.	Vicksburg.	Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D. <i>r.</i>		40	10	
St. John.....	Aberdeen.	Rev. A. W. Clarke, <i>r.</i>	30	36	8	
St. Paul.....	Woodville.	Rev. W. H. Burton, <i>r.</i>	26	32	7	
St. James.....	Port Gibson.	Rev. J. S. Johnston, Jr., <i>r.</i>	12	30		
St. Paul.....	Grand Gulf.	" " <i>m.</i>				
Epiphany.....	Claiborne Co.	Vacant	16	28	1	
Holy Comforter.	Dry Grove.	"	10	25	4	
Chap. of the Cross.	Madison Co.	Rev. G. C. Harris, <i>r.</i>	9	22	1	
Grace.....	Carrollton.	Rev. A. F. Samuels, <i>r.</i>	33	20	6	
Ch. of the Mediator.	Meridian.	Rev. G. W. Stickney, <i>m.</i>		22		
St. Phillip.....	Kirkwood.	Rev. W. Presbury, <i>r.</i>	7	16		
Ascension.....	Hernando.	Rev. D. S. Goodloe, <i>m.</i>	10	11	3	
Grace.....	Grenada.	" " <i>r.</i>	18	11		
Calvary.....	Holmes Co.	Rev. B. Halstead, <i>r.</i>	15	31		
Christ.....	Summit.	Vacant	11	26	9	
Ch. of the Nativity.	Macon.	Rev. G. W. Stickney, <i>m.</i>		14		
St. Albans.....	Bovina.	(Rev. J. A. Fox, <i>r.</i>) (Rev. A. Lyon, <i>asst. m.</i>)		20		
St. Mark.....	Raymond.	Vacant.	15	22	5	
Good Shepherd.	Terry.	Rev. D. G. Gunn, <i>mis.</i>				
Ch. of the Messiah.	Shuqualak.	Vacant		22		
St. John.....	L. Washington.	"				
St. John.....	Early Grove.	Rev. W. K. Douglas, <i>r.</i>	14	16	10	
St. Andrew.....	Marshall Co.	"	9			
St. Stephen.....	Panola.	Vacant				
St. Matthew.....	Clinton.	"				
St. Jude.....	Corinth.	"				
Grace.....	Okolona.	"				
Holy Communion.	Warren Co.	Rev. E. C. Laughlin, <i>r.</i>	12	5		
St. Mark.....	Miss. City.	Vacant				
St. Luke.....	Shieldsboro.	"				
Trinity.....	Crystal Sp'gs.	Rev. D. G. Gunn, <i>mis.</i>				
Trinity.....	Pass Christian.	Rev. W. E. Phillips, <i>r.</i>	31	41	10	
St. James.....	Greenville.	Rev. W. Carnahan, <i>r.</i>	52	31	3	
Nativity.....	Water Valley.	Rev. A. F. Samuels, <i>mis.</i>				
Savior.....	Osyka.	Vacant		14	2	
Missions.....	Enterprise.	"		10		

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9	11	20	11	1	2	73 83	150 87	25 00		249 70
1	18	18	3	3	1		205 00	47 00		252 00
3	3	6	5	2	3		56 00		139 00	195 00
1	5	6	1	4	7	62 75	62 75	5 00		
2	5	7		1	2	4 35	280 85			285 20
1	1	2		3			25 00		22 40	47 40
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3	10	13	4	2	1		49 75	5 00		54 75
1	1	2	5	3	4	25 00	129 00		35 00	189 00
8	17	25	4	5	5	15 65	5 00	57 15	97 80	97 80
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	3	3		2		8 00				8 00
	5	5	1	1	1	456 25	25 00			481 25
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	3	3		8	6	280 00	40 00	7 00		327 00
	5	5		1	1					94 00
2	10	12	3		1	10 00	51 00		51 25	61 00
1	6	7	15	5	9	794 92	120 00		4 75	919 67
2	4	6	11	4						1000 00
	7	7		1	2		15 00		26 85	
2	2	2					47 50			47 50

TABULAR STATEMENT

PARISH.	LOCATION.	MINISTER.	Families.	Communicants.	Sunday School.	
					Teachers.	Pupils.
Christ.	Vicksburg.	Rev. H. Sansom, D. D. <i>r</i> .	100	140	24	105
Trinity	Natchez.	Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D. <i>r</i> .	100	180	13	113
St. Andrew.	Jackson.	Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D. <i>r</i> .	87	94	9	91
Christ	Holly Springs.	Rev. J. T. Pickett, <i>r</i>	31	72	7	50
St. Paul	Columbus.	Rev. J. L. Tucker, <i>r</i>		45		
Grace	Canton.	Rev. D. C. Green, <i>r</i>	10	57	7	30
St. Luke	Brandon.	Rev. W. D. Christian, <i>m</i>	14	51	8	53
Trinity	Yazoo City.	" " <i>r</i>	38	49	5	37
St. Peter.	Oxford	Vacant	16	41	7	40
Christ.	Church Hill	"		40		
Ch. Holy Trinity.	Vicksburg.	Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D. <i>r</i> .		40	10	50
St. John	Aberdeen.	Rev. A. W. Clarke, <i>r</i> .	30	36	8	50
St. Paul	Woodville.	Rev. W. H. Burton, <i>r</i>	23	32	7	47
St. James.	Port Gibson	Rev. J. S. Johnston, Jr., <i>r</i> .	12	30		
St. Paul	Grand Gulf.	" " <i>m</i>				
Epiphany	Claiborne Co.	Vacant	16	28	1	8
Holy Comforter.	Dry Grove.	"	10	25	4	53
Chap. of the Cross.	Madison Co.	Rev. G. C. Harris, <i>r</i> .	9	22	1	10
Grace	Carrollton.	Rev. A. F. Samuels, <i>r</i> .	33	20	6	22
Ch. of the Mediator	Meridian	Rev. G. W. Stickney, <i>m</i> .		22		
St. Phillip	Kirkwood	Rev. W. Presbury, <i>r</i>	7	16		15
Ascension.	Hernando.	Rev. D. S. Goodloe, <i>m</i>	10	11	3	18
Grace.	Grenada.	" " <i>r</i>	18	11		
Calvary	Holmes Co.	Rev. B. Halstead, <i>r</i>	15	31		
Christ.	Summit	Vacant	11	26	9	52
Ch. of the Nativity	Macon	Rev. G. W. Stickney, <i>m</i>		14		
St. Albans	Bovina	(Rev. J. A. Fox, <i>r</i> (Rev. A. Lyon, <i>asst. m</i>)		20		
St. Mark.	Raymond	Vacant.	15	22	5	23
Good Shepherd	Terry	Rev. D. G. Gunn, <i>mis.</i>				
Ch. of the Messiah	Shuqualak	Vacant		22		
St. John	L. Washington	"				
St. John	Early Grove.	Rev. W. K. Douglas, <i>r</i>	14	16	10	50
St. Andrew.	Marshall Co.	"	9			
St. Stephen	Panola.	Vacant				
St. Matthew	Clinton.	"				
St. Jude	Corinth	"				
Grace.	Okolona.	"				
Holy Communion.	Warren Co.	Rev. E. C. Laughlin, <i>r</i>	12	5		
St. Mark.	Miss. City.	Vacant				
St. Luke.	Shieldboro'	"				
Trinity	Crystal Sp'gs.	Rev. D. G. Gunn, <i>mis</i>				
Trinity	Pass Christian	Rev. W. E. Phillips, <i>r</i> .	31	41	10	70
St. James.	Greenville.	Rev. W. Carnahan, <i>r</i> .	52	31	3	35
Nativity.	Water Valley.	Rev. A. F. Samuels, <i>mis</i>				
Savior.	Osyka.	Vacant		14	2	10
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ATHENS, EAST TENNESSEE, April 23, 1870.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

I have to report that on the 30th of September, 1869, I resigned the Rectorship of Ascension Church, Hernando, and since have there, and at other places, celebrated Divine Service twenty times, and married one couple.

Respectfully, &c.,

JOHN FOSTER

JACKSON, April 27, 1870.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

With your permission I have removed my place of abode from Dry Grove, Miss., to Vicksburg, Miss. Since that time, with the consent of the Bishop, I have officiated at Terry, Bolton's, and Crystal Springs, once a month at each station, and sometimes oftener, and have now made arrangements to hold service twice a month at Terry and Crystal Springs, without additional expense to the congregation. Since the arrangement above stated, I have baptized two infants at Terry, and, (with the assistance of the Central Convocation,) have organized the Parish of Trinity Church, Crystal Springs.

D. G. GUNN,

Missionary in Charge.

VICKSBURG, MISS., April 26, 1870.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

As Head-Master of St. Stephen's Academy, my time has been given largely to the interests of that Institution, yet I have ministered at the Altar on all but four Sundays of the past year, and on every week day that occasion presented, going sometimes to the Eastern part of the Diocese to supply a vacant Parish; at other times to Missionary Stations along the Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad; and at others, visiting the Brethren in their ministrations.

The Bolton Mission was established in May last, and in September transferred to the Rev. Mr. Gunn, as I was engaged in ministering to

new Parish (Holy Trinity) to which, as Acting-Rector, I gave my ices for the first four months of its organization. In February last Pastoral Charge of the Parish was assumed by the Rev. W. W. d, D. D., who had been called by the congregation with a unanimity earnestness amounting to enthusiasm. Since February, I have assisting the Rector in his public services.

f St. Alban's, (Bovina,) I was Rector till Easter last, when, at my test, the venerable patriarch, the Rev. Jas. A. Fox, was made tor. As Assistant Minister, I continue my connection with the ish, rendering it the same services as before. In a few weeks our Church, (a model Chapel,) will be ready for occupation.

Very respectfully,

ALBERT LYON.

t. Rev. W. M. GREEN, D. D.,

Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi.

APRIL 26, 1870.

he Rt. Rev. Bishop Green :

T. REV. AND DEAR SIR: Having, with your approbation, officiated ie Diocese of Mississippi for several months, I beg leave to state , on Sunday, November 7, and November 14, I held two services . day; and on Thanksgiving Day, one service, in Holly Springs, parish being vacant; in Oxford, two services on Sunday, Nov, 21; ummit, two services on Sunday, December 12; and in Terry, two ices on Sunday, December 19. In Osyka I officiated on twelve days, on Christmas Day, on the Festivals of the Circumcision and phany, and on Ash Wednesday; and at Chatawa on two Sundays.

Holy Communion was administered on three Sundays, in the rch of the Saviour, Osyka, and on the Festival of the Epiphany at house of Mr. George Gilbert in the country, Mrs. Gilbert, his wife, g too infirm to go to Church. Baptisms, in Osyka and its vicinity, children, one of them colored. Funerals, two. Marriages, one, olored persons. Communicants, (two deceased,) present number, en.

fferings—In Oxford, \$2 21; Summit, \$5 50; Chatawa, \$1 50; sa, \$20 40; and Brandon, \$10 00. Total, \$39 61.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT B. CROES,

Presbyter of the Diocese of New York.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Central Convocation, would respectfully report, to the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, the following acts of the Convocation since its organization, July 2, 1869 :

During the first quarter, ending in October, monthly services were provided for Meridian, Summit, and Osyka, and from the reports of the various Clergymen performing these duties, the ministrations were productive of much good, especially in the way of encouraging these congregations, which had for some time been deprived of clerical ministrations. A faithful Missionary, willing to labor in the small but growing towns on the New Orleans Railroad, and abide God's good time in reaping the fruits of his labors, would doubtless provide for himself and others comfortable homes, and secure to the Church a foothold sure and strong enough to establish a permanent influence.

During the next quarter but little was done, as the regular quarterly meeting had not been held.

The Convocation met at Brandon, in January, the Bishop of the Diocese being present, but were prevented from holding the frequent services contemplated, for want of a suitable building.

The next quarterly meeting was at Terry and Crystal Springs, two services being held at the former and three at the latter place.

Since that time Brandon has been provided with monthly services, through the instrumentality of the Dean, and partly by members of the Convocation; and Crystal Springs, Terry, Clinton and Wesson have been visited.

The Treasurer of the Convocation has received from the various Parishes, \$39 50,—\$30 50 of which was expended for a special charity.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,
Secretary and Treasurer of Central Convocation.

APPENDIX B.

Proceedings of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Friday evening, April 30, in the Masonic Hall, Jackson.

Rt. Rev. W. M. GREEN, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, called the meeting to order.

Rev. H. C. HARRIS was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

It was suggested that a committee be appointed to devise *some practical* plan for the prosecution of the Missionary work of the Diocese, and, on motion, Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., Rev. W. K. Douglas, and Rev. Geo. C. Harris, were appointed such a committee, by the Rt. Rev. President.

The following Vice-Presidents were unanimously elected :

1st. Rev. A. F. SAMUELS.

2d. Mr. R. S. STITH.

3d. Mr. J. A. KAUSLER.

The following gentlemen were elected Managers :

Rev. W. K. DOUGLAS, Dr. W. T. BALFOUR, Prof. C. W. SEARS, and Mr. ELISHA HARRIS.

There being no other business, the Society adjourned.

H. C. HARRIS, Secretary, &c.

JACKSON, May 1, 1870.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

ART. II. There shall be a stated Council of the Church in this Diocese every year, at such time and place as may be fixed on by the preceding Council. Special meetings of the Council shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church requires it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it; and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, on urgent reasons, may call a special Council. When a special Council is so called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in giving notice thereof, to specify the business and purposes for which it is to be assembled, and no other business shall be transacted than that which is thus specified, or necessarily connected with it.

ART. III. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, canonically resident in the Diocese for three months prior to the session of the Council, shall be entitled to a seat in the same; and it is hereby made his duty to attend its deliberations.

Every Parish within this Diocese, in union with this Council, shall be entitled to send to the Council a Lay Delegate, or Lay Delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Rector, a Warden, or Secretary of the Parish, shall, before the admission to seats, be laid before the Council: *Provided*, That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be in the Parish which he represents. The Delegation from each Parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

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CANONS.

CANON I.

OF THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.

SECTION 1. Whenever any number of persons shall associate form an Episcopal Congregation, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, and none shall be considered as members of such congregation who are not so organized, who shall not (on requisition by the Rector or Vestry) formally accede to said Articles of Association. The congregation shall assume a suitable name, by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and appoint not less than three, nor more than eleven, Vestrymen, and two Wardens. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, shall then be laid before the Council; and if approved by that body, delegates from that Congregation or Parish may take seats in the Council: and the congregation shall be considered as united to the Council, and subject to its control.

SEC. 2. Every Parish, so organized, shall annually, on Easter Monday, or as soon afterwards as may be, elect the same number of Vestrymen, or such number as the Vestry, at some meeting previous to the election, have designated, who shall be stated worshippers in the Church; who shall, as soon as may be after their election, assemble and appoint two Wardens, a Register, and Treasurer.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Rector, agreeably to the ancient usage of the Church, to preside in all Parish and Vestry meetings; but in case of his absence, one of the Wardens shall preside.

CANON II.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall be composed of three Presbyters and Laymen, and be elected at each Annual Council. Any vacancy occurring in this Committee, may be filled by the unanimous vote of the sitting members. They shall keep full minutes of their proceedings, which shall be laid on the table of each Annual Council, and read therein.

CANON III.

OF SUSPENSION FROM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MINISTRY.

The Bishop, with the advice of the Standing Committee, shall be empowered to suspend from the functions of the Ministry, any Minister shall be charged with improper irreligious, or immoral conduct; and hereafter, this suspension shall be continued until the disposal of the charges against him by a canonical trial, unless before such trial the Bishop and Standing Committee are satisfied from the testimony laid before them, of a thorough reformation of his life: *Provided*, That no Minister shall be suspended, until he shall have been notified, by the Standing Committee, of the nature of the charges against him, and opportunity given him to be heard, in relation thereto, before the Bishop or Standing Committee.

CANON IV.

OF THE TRIAL OF CLERGYMEN.

SECTION 1. The trial of a Clergyman of this Diocese shall be on presentment made to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, in writing, signed by the party making it; and every presentment of a Clergyman shall be either by the Council of the Diocese, by the Vestry and Church Wardens of the Parish to which the Clergyman may belong, or by one or more Presbyters of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. In all cases of presentment contemplated by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, or by those of this Diocese, notice of the charge or charges, and specifications, together with a citation to appear and answer, shall be served upon the party accused, in the manner hereinafter provided, with all convenient speed. The

charges and specifications shall be set forth with such reasonable certainty and description, as may enable the defendant to know and prepare for his defense. And upon the trial of such presentment, the rules of evidence, as understood and enforced in the judicial tribunals of the State, shall govern, except so far as they are altered or modified by the Canons of the General Convention, or by those of the Diocese.

SEC. 3. The regular place of trial, and the office for the record of all ecclesiastical proceedings shall be the house of the Bishop; but, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for these purposes; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his Council of Advice, may appoint any place within his Diocese for the trial, if there be any special reasons moving him thereto.

SEC. 4. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a Commissary appointed for that purpose, by the ecclesiastical authority, or in the manner of commissions or depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the oral examination of witnesses who may be present at the trial.

SEC. 5. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 6. The Council of the Diocese shall, at every regular session, elect five Presbyters, canonically resident in the Diocese. The Presbyters so elected shall constitute an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of Clergymen. The members of the Court so elected shall hold their office until the close of the next regular meeting of the Council: *Provided, however,* That from any cause there be no election, they shall continue in office until a new election takes place.

SEC. 7. Four of the Court so elected shall constitute a *quorum*, and may proceed with the trial of any presentment.

SEC. 8. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Court, it shall be filled by the Bishop. And the persons so appointed to fill said vacancy, shall hold their office until a new Court is elected.

SEC. 9. When the defendant appears, he may plead, generally, "not guilty," to all the charges and specifications; or he may admit them to be true; or he may plead "not guilty," to part, and admit the residue. Upon such specifications as are admitted to be true, it shall

be the duty of the Court to decide whether they amount to such an offense as is canonically presentable. And in regard to such specifications as are denied, the said Court shall try the same; and shall pronounce their verdict, either "guilty" or "not guilty," on each specification.

SEC. 10. Upon the finding of the Court that the defendant is guilty upon one or more of the specifications; or in case they are of opinion that the facts admitted to be true amount to a presentable offense, it shall proceed to suggest what sentence, in its opinion, ought to be inflicted. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to pronounce such judgment as is suggested: *Provided, always,* That in case of judgment other than degradation, the Bishop may, at any time afterward, with the advice of the Standing Committee, modify or remit said sentence.

SEC. 11. It shall require a concurrence of at least three members of the Court present to find the defendant guilty. Each member of the Court shall be at liberty to record his opinion.

SEC. 12. The Court shall, upon the trial, appoint a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a regular record of each day's proceedings. He shall also record the judgment rendered by the Bishop; and each day's proceedings shall be signed by the members of the Court. A true record of said proceedings so signed, shall be filed with the Standing Committee; and copies, certified by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, shall, in all cases, be received as evidence of said record and proceedings.

SEC. 13. If, from sickness or other necessary cause, any member or members of the Court cannot attend the trial, it shall be the duty of the members of the Court present to select some other Presbyter or Presbyters to take their place: *Provided,* That when four of the regular members attend, no such appointment shall be made.

SEC. 14. The expenses of the trial shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Church.

SEC. 15. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence; or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, in three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial. And if he

does not so report and appear, the Bishop may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 16. If any member of the Court be the party making the presentment, or be connected by consanguinity or affinity with the party making the presentment, or with the accused, such member shall not preside at such trial.

SEC. 17. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences respectively; the time between the day of service and the day of appearance being not less than twenty days, over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance. And in case there is reason to believe that a Minister, against whom any ecclesiastical proceedings have been instituted, has departed from the United States, or that the place of his sojourn cannot be conveniently ascertained, then it shall be sufficient to have a copy of the citation published three times in some newspaper printed at the Seat of Government of the State in which he last resided; and also in some newspaper printed at the Seat of Government of the State in which he is cited to appear, at least six months before the day of appearance.

SEC. 18. In all cases of presentment of Ministers, where the party accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, sentence of suspension shall be passed for contumacy; which sentence shall continue in force until the party consents to a regular trial.

CANON V.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

It shall be the business of the Bishop; and, if there be no Bishop, of the Standing Committee, when informed by the Vestry of either of the Churches in this Diocese, that such Church is not provided with a Minister, (in which information, the means which the Church has for supporting a Minister, shall be stated,) diligently to inquire for and recommend to the Vestry giving such information, a proper person to officiate in the said Church; and they shall report to the Council, at each annual meeting, what information of vacancies they have received, and their proceedings thereon.

CANON VI.

OF RESIGNATION OF A PARISH.

Whenever any Minister, having charge of a Church or Parish in this Diocese, shall resign such Church or Parish, it shall be the duty of the

Secretary of said Church, and, if there be no Secretary, then of the Wardens, and, if there be neither Secretary nor Warden, then of the Vestry, to communicate in writing, forthwith, to the Bishop, if there be a Bishop, and if not, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the fact of such resignation.

CANON VII.

OF THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately, (the Clergy individually, and the Laity by Congregations,) and the concurrence of a majority of each Order shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

CANON VIII.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The Convention, at the session immediately preceding the regular session of each General Convention, shall elect four Clerical and four Lay Deputies to the next ensuing General Convention. And these Deputies shall retain their office until their successors are elected.

CANON IX.

OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

In order to secure more effectually an accurate view of the state of the Church, it is hereby made obligatory on every Parish Minister to conform his Parochial Report to the following form, and his failure to comply therewith shall be deemed a sufficient cause for the exclusion of such report from the pages of the Journal of the Council.

[The form is now under consideration.]

CANON X.

OF FINANCE.

SECTION 1. A Committee on Finance, consisting of five, (a majority of whom shall be Laymen), shall be appointed at each session of the Council, to assess the amount to be contributed by each Parish, to the support of the Episcopate, and to the Contingent Fund of the Council, and to whom shall be referred all matters of a financial character.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall, at least one month previous to the meeting of every stated Council, call upon each Vestry to send the latter amount, including arrearages, if there be any, by the hands of the Delegates to the Council.

CANON XI.

OF THE MODE OF ORGANIZING THE COUNCIL.

When the day appointed for the assembling of the Council has arrived, the Bishop of the Diocese, if he be present, or in his absence or inability, the President of the Standing Committee, or in his absence, any Presbyter, on motion, shall take the chair, and call the Council to order; and the Secretary of the last Council, or in his absence, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, or in his absence, any Clerical or Lay member named by the presiding officer, shall be, *pro tem.*, Secretary of the Council. The list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Council, furnished by the Bishop, or in his absence, by the President of the Standing Committee, shall next be read; the credentials of Lay Delegates shall then be laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to a committee, consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, who shall, as soon as may be, report on the same. If it shall appear that a constitutional quorum is present, the presiding officer shall declare the Council ready for business.

CANON XII.

OF EXPENSES IN ATTENDING COUNCIL.

Every Parish shall provide for the expense of its Rector, whilst attending the Council, and going to and from the same.

CANON XIII.

ON CONVOICATIONS.

Convocations shall be held at such times and places as, in the opinion of the Bishop, the interests of the Church require.

At each Convocation, a collection shall be taken up for Diocesan Missions.

CANON XIV.

OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SECTION 1. The Council shall annually elect three responsible Trustees, who shall hold office until the election of their successors, to

charge of and manage, under the direction of the Council, the opal Fund. It shall be the duty of said Trustees to invest said collect the annual interest due thereon, and pay the same, from o time, to the Bishop. When a vacancy occurs by death, resign- i, or removal from the Diocese, it shall be filled by the next Dio- Council—the remaining Trustees to have full power to act until cancy be filled.

2. 2. All bonds, notes, or other moneys, due on account of said shall be made payable to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund for Diocese of Mississippi, or their successors in office. All bonds or now payable to the Standing Committee shall be transferred to Trustees.

3. 3. Said Trustees shall loan out the principal of said fund in hands, for such time as they may deem best, taking bonds or for the repayment of the principal at the stipulated period, and or the annual payment of the interest. No loan, however, shall de by the Trustees unless the same be secured by two responsible as, and by deed of trust on unencumbered property, the cash of which shall be at least double the amount of the sum loaned. deed of trust shall contain a clause authorizing the Trustees to ie property, or so much as may be necessary, whenever there is a t in payment of either principal or interest.

4. 4. Said Trustees may, with the consent of the Bishop, invest f said fund, not exceeding five thousand dollars, in the purchase ermanent Episcopal residence. And they may, if the money is llected in notes in their hands, borrow such sum as may be neces- and mortgage the property purchased in their name, as Trustees e Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.

5. 5. Said Trustees shall report to the Council the amount of , notes, bonds, or other property, received by them, and from , the amount paid out, etc., so that an accurate account of the f the fund may be always before the Diocese.

6. 6. Said Trustees may receive bonds, the principal of which e made payable at such time as said Trustees may deem advis- *Provided, however,* that the interest at six per cent. shall be pay- annually: *Provided, further,* that when the money is paid on said the Trustees shall be bound to loan it to the person who paid it, hould desire it. In such case, the money shall be loaned at legal t, and shall be secured, as heretofore provided for in Section 3.

CANON XV.

OF GENERAL TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund shall be the General Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi, and, as such, are authorized to receive, by will, deed or otherwise, for the use of the Church, such property and money as may be given to it by any person or persons.

CANON XVI.

OF OFFERINGS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Besides individual contributions for Missions or other purposes, it shall be the duty of the Rector of every Parish to collect, twice a year the offerings of the Parish for Diocesan Missions, to-wit: On the second Sunday of April and the second Sunday of October; and if from any cause, the offerings are not collected on said days, they shall be collected on some subsequent Sunday, and the said Rector shall embrace in his Parochial Report to the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount received at each collection.

CANON XVII.

OF ATTENDANCE ON COUNCIL.

Every Clergyman entitled to a seat in the Council shall, in case of his inability or failure to attend, communicate in writing, his reasons therefor to the Bishop, at the session of the Council, or in or month thereafter.

NOTICE:

THE NEXT ANNUAL CONVENT will be held in Trinity Church, Natchez on the last Thursday in April, 1871.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,

Clericus, Miss.

Secretary

Attention is especially called to the following Standing Resolutions:

Resolved, That there shall be had in each Parish, on the fourth Sunday, January, April, July, and October, in every year, or on the succeeding day thereafter on which services may be held, a collection for the purpose raising the amount assessed on such Parish, for the Bishop's salary, and the Treasurer of each Parish, shall forthwith remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese the sums so collected.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished by the Secretary of the Council to each Rector, or to the Senior Warden of each Parish, with directions to have them read to their congregations, on Sunday preceding the day fixed for the collection.

Resolved, That the Rectors of the several Parishes be requested to have a collection box placed in their respective Churches, and call attention to the said box, and that all amounts so contributed and raised, be used in the payment of the indebtedness due the Bishop.



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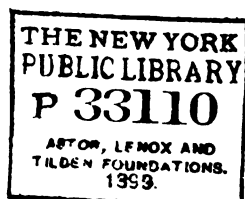
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Rev. John Foster, Athens, Tenn.
Rev. Jas. A. Fox, Rector, St. Alban's Church, Bovina.
Rev. Duncan C. Green, Rector, Grace Church, Canton.
Rev. Benjamin Halstead, Rector, Calvary Church, Holmes county, P. O. Lexington.
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Rev. Henry C. Harris, Diocesan Missionary, P. O. Columbus.
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Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rector, Christ Church, Vicksburg.
Rev. Geo. W. Stickney, Rector, St. James' Church, Greenville.
Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, Rector, St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

DEACONS.

- Rev. Henry Forrester*, Minister at Christ Church, Summit, and Church of the Saviour, Osyka, P. O., Summit.
Rev. David G. Gunn, Brandon.
Rev. L. L. Lurton, Minister at Biloxi, Bay St. Louis, and Mississippi City, P. O., Mississippi City.
Rev. Joseph B. Lyons, ———.

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 John D. H. Browne,

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 Stephen H. Green,
 Wm. H. Trezevant,
 Wm. Barnes Cooper,
 R. Hylton Prosser,
 S. W. E. Pegues.

Parishes in Union with the Council,
WITH THE
LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

The date of admission into Union is given as far as known.

Delegates marked thus * attended the sessions of the Council.

TRINITY CHURCH—NATCHEZ—(1822.)

*Hon. Jos. D. Shields, *Spencer Wood, *John Rawle.

ALTERNATES—Hon. Alex. Montgomery, E. A. Colhoun, M. D.,
*W. E. Bondurant, M. D.

CHRIST CHURCH—CHURCH HILL—(1822.)

J. S. Johnston, Robt. Cox, *Bisland Shields, M. D.

ALTERNATES—*B. F. Allein, Wade Harrison, F. B. Coleman, M. D.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—WOODVILLE—(1824.)

*J. B. McGehee, Thos. Wetherel.

CHRIST CHURCH—VICKSBURG—(1837.)

*W. T. Balfour, M. D., W. W. Allein, P. W. Shearer.

ALTERNATES—T. G. Dabney, R. Richardson, John Wolfolk.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—GRAND GULF—(1837.)

No Delegation.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH—RAYMOND—(1840.)

No Delegation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—COLUMBUS—(1840.)

No Delegation.

CHRIST CHURCH—HOLLY SPRINGS—(1842.)

*R. S. Stith, Esq., Kinloch Falconer, James Sims.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—JACKSON—(1843.)

Hon. Wm. Yerger, *John Duncan, Esq., *Jos. A. Brown, Esq.

ALTERNATES—Frank Johnson, Esq., G. D. Sidway, D. P. Porter, Esq.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—MARSHALL COUNTY—(1844.)

No Delegation.

Lay Delegates.

ST. JOHNS' CHURCH—PONTOTOC—(1844.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY—CLAIBORNE COUNTY—(1844.)

No Delegation.

TRINITY CHURCH—YAZOO CITY—(1846.)

*P. P. Bailey, Esq., Alexander Smith.

ST. MATHEW'S CHURCH—CLINTON—(1847.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION—HERNANDO—(1848.)

No Delegation.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—ABERDEEN—(1848.)

No Delegation.

GRACE CHURCH—CANTON—(1848.)

*S. L. Mosby, T. R. Clark.

ALTERNATES—G. B. Green, T. C. Tupper, Esq.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH—KIRKWOOD—(1848.)

No Delegation.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH—BRANDON—(1848.)

No Delegation.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—LAKE WASHINGTON—(1848.)

No Delegation.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—PORT GIBSON—(1848.)

T. B. Magruder, M. D., J. D. Magruder, *P. W. Weeks.

TRINITY CHURCH—PASS CHRISTIAN.

No Delegation.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS—MADISON COUNTY.

No Delegation.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH—OXFORD.

*T. E. B. Pegues, John Thompson, M. D., *S. W. E. Pegues.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH—SHUQUALAK.

No Delegation.

GRACE CHURCH—OKOLONA.

No Delegation.

CALVARY CHURCH—HOLMES COUNTY.

No Delegation.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—EARLY GROVE.

No Delegation.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH—BOVINA—(1858.)

H. P. Noland, George Batchelor.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH—SHIELDSBORO—(1858.)

No Delegation.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH—MISSISSIPPI CITY—(1858.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR—OSYKA—(1859.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD—TERRY—(1860.)
*Wm. H. Fitzhugh.

GRACE CHURCH—CARROLLTON—(1861.)

No Delegation.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH—PANOLA—(1861.)

No Delegation.

CHRIST CHURCH—SUMMIT—(1862.)

W. H. Garland, F. T. Cooper, — Laurence, M. D.

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR—MERIDIAN—(1867.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER—DRY GROVE—(1869.)

*J. D. H. Browne, *T. S. Dabney, Jr.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY—VICKSBURG—(1870.)

*Judge J. W. M. Harris, *J. A. Klein, *Oliver Matthews.

ALTERNATES—B. Blake, E. R. Henry, Hon. T. M. Marshall.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY—MACON—(1870.)

No Delegation.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—GREENVILLE—(1870.)

W. A. Pollock, L. P. McMeekin, C. P. Huntington.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY—WATER VALLEY—(1870.)

*W. H. Sthreshley.

GRACE CHAPEL—GRENADA—(1870.)

No Delegation.

The following Parishes have no record of admission into Union with the Council upon the Journals:

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH—CORINTH.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY COMMUNION—WARREN COUNTY.

TRINITY CHURCH—CRYSTAL SPRINGS.

The first three Parishes, together with St. John's Church, Port Gibson, which afterwards became extinct, organized the first Convention of the Diocese in 1826. In their cases date of parochial organization has been given. All omissions or errors will be corrected as soon as a complete file of Journals is obtained.

D. C. G., Secretary.

Proceedings of the Council.

TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ, }
April 27th, 1871.

IN accordance with the appointment of the last Council, the members of the Forty-fourth Annual Council of the Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, assembled in Trinity Church, for Divine Services.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., and Rev. Jas. T. Pickett.

The Council Sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D., from Matt. iv: 18-19.

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Jas. A. Fox, Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., and Rev. H. Sansom, D. D.

After services, the Council was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President. The roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Council was then called, and the following were found to be present:

Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, D. D.	Rev. Henry Forrester,
Rev. Wallace Carnahan,	Rev. Wm. C. Crane, D. D.,
Rev. Wm. D. Christian,	Rev. Chas. B. Dana, D. D.,
Rev. Wm. K. Douglas,	Rev. Jas. A. Fox,
Rev. Duncan C. Green,	Rev. Geo. C. Harris,
Rev. Henry C. Harris,	Rev. Jas. S. Johnston, Jr.,
Rev. Wm. W. Lord, D. D.,	Rev. Jas. T. Pickett,
Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.,	Rev. Geo. W. Stickney.

The Credentials of Lay Delegates were laid upon the Secretary's table, and were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. George C. Harris, R. S. Stith, Esq, Jos. A. Brown, Esq.

The Committee reported favorably upon the certificates from the following Parishes:

Christ Church, Summit; St. Peter's Church, Oxford; Grace Church, Canton; Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry; St. Paul's Church Woodville; Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove; Christ Church, Holly

Springs; Trinity Church, Yazoo City; St. Andrew's Church, Jackson; Christ Church, Vicksburg; St. James' Church, Greenville; St. Albans Church, Bovina; Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg; St. James' Church, Port Gibson, and Trinity Church, Natchez.

The Committee recommended that in the absence of a Delegation from the Church of the Nativity, Water Valley, a member of that Parish, who happened to be present, be admitted as a delegate by courtesy.

On motion, the recommendation was accepted.

The Secretary then proceeded to call over the list of Lay Delegates, and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. T. E. B. Pegues and S. W. E. Pegues, Oxford; S. L. Mosby, Canton; Wm. H. Fitzhugh, Terry; J. B. McGehee, Woodville; J. D. H. Browne and Thos. S. Dabney Jr., Dry Grove; P. P. Bailey, Esq., Yazoo City; Jno. Duncan, Esq. and Jos. A. Brown, Esq., Jackson; W. T. Balfour, M. D., Christ Church, Vicksburg; J. W. M. Harris, Esq., Jno. A. Kelin and Oliver Matthews, Ch. of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg; P. W. Weeks, Port Gibson; Jos. B. Shields, Esq., Spencer Wood, M. D. and Jno. Rawle, Natchez, and Wm. H. Streshley, Water Valley.

There being a quorum present the Rt. Rev. President declared the Council duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

The election of a Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year being next in order, on motion the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. Duncan C. Green was nominated and unanimously re-elected to that office.

The Secretary appointed Rev. Jas. S. Johnston, Jr., Assistant Secretary.

The rules of order of the last Council were unanimously adopted and were read by the Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Council shall be opened on the first day with full service, including Council Sermon, (the preacher of which shall be appointed by the Bishop at the preceding Council), and the celebration of the Holy Communion; and on each succeeding day with Morning Prayer.

2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Council, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the Council when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the Council, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it for a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or divide it—and motions for any of these purpose shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table or to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Council is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the minutes of the Council.

13. The reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion, unless recommitted by vote of the Council. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion, by the Council, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Council therein.

14. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same question shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.

15. All questions of order shall be decided by the chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Council.

16. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment, shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

17. The first thing in order, after the Council is declared organized, and

ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Council for the ensuing year.

18. The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Council, and the reading of said Rules by the Secretary.

19. The appointment of the following Standing Committees, viz: 1st, On Credentials; 2nd, On the Admission of New Congregations; 3d, On the State of the Church; 4th, On Finance; 5th, On Constitution and Canons; 6th, On Diocesan Schools; 7th, On Unfinished Business.

20. The reading of the Bishop's Journal and Address.

21. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Council.

22. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

23. The reading of the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

24. The reading of reports from Committees appointed by the last Council.

25. Designation of time and place for holding the next Council.

26. The election of Diocesan Officers:—1st, Members of the Standing Committee; 2d, Treasurer of the Diocese; 3d, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; 4th, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; 5th, Members of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th, Deputies to General Convention (when required); 7th, any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

27. Reports of Standing Committees.

28. Reports from Special Committees.

29. General Motions, Resolutions, and Propositions.

NOTE—Subsequently, former Rule of Order, No. 21 requiring the reading of Parochial Reports was abolished.

The Rt. Rev. President then appointed the following Standing Committees:

CREDENTIALS.

Rev. Geo. C. Harris, R. S. Stith, Esq., and Jos. A. Brown, Esq.

ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Rev. W. D. Christian, Messrs. J. B. McGehee, and Jno. Rawle.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. Drs. W. C. Crane, H. Sansom and Rev. Messrs. H. C. Harris, W. K. Douglas and Duncan C. Green.

FINANCE.

Messrs. W. T. Balfour, M. D. Jno. Duncan, T. E. B. Pegues, R. S. Stith, Esq. and P. P. Bailey, Esq.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

Rev. Messrs. W. W. Lord, D. D., and James A. Fox, and Messrs. Jos. B. Shields, Esq., and John A. Klein.

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

Rev. Messrs. J. T. Pickett and C. B. Dana, D. D., and Mr. S. L. Mosby.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. G. W. Stickney and Mr. Wm. Sthresbley.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow at 9 A. M.

EVENING SERVICES.

Evening Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. G. W. Stickney, Jas. S. Johnston, Jr., and Duncan C. Green, and a sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. C. Harris.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ, April 28, 1871, 9 A. M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. President.

The roll was called, and there were found to be present, in addition to those yesterday, Rev. Jas. P. Lytton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, Mr. W. W. Allein, from Christ Church, Vicksburg, and Messrs. B. F. Allein and Bisland Shields, M. D., from Church Hill.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and adopted.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address.

[See Appendix A.]

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Church, and Candidates for Orders, not entitled to seats, be invited to take seats in the Council.

Whereupon, Rev. J. F. Girault, of the Diocese of Louisiana, was made welcome under the resolution.

The hour for Divine services having arrived, the Council took recess.

Morning Prayer and the Litany was said by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, and Rev. Messrs. H. Forrester and W. D. Christian. The Rev. Wallace Carnahan preached.

After the devotional exercises, the session was resumed.

The reading of Parochial Reports being in order, on motion, the order was dispensed with.

On motion, Rule of Order, No. 21, was stricken out.

The Treasurer of the Council read his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

[See Appendix B.]

The Rules of Order being suspended by vote, a resolution to prepare an addition, numbered section 4, after Canon 1, defining duties of Wardens and Vestrymen, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

A substitute being offered, the whole matter was referred as originally moved.

The Rules of Order were resumed, and the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[See Appendix C.]

Certain papers, accompanying a donation of \$1,000 00, in stock of St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad, were read by the Secretary, and referred to the same Committee.

To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi:

I herewith submit, for the action of the Council, a letter and accompanying documents, received by me as Treasurer, from JOHN H. SWIFT, Esq., of New York, together with a copy of my formal acceptance of the trust so generously conveyed by Mr. Swift.

Very respectfully,

JOHN DUNCAN,

Trustee, etc. of the Episcopal Fund.

Diocesan Council, April, 1871.

64 W. 20th St., New York, Feb. 15th, 1871.

JOHN DUNCAN, Treasurer, etc., etc., Jackson, Miss.,

Dear Sir: Enclosed herewith, find a certificate for ten shares of stock in the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Rail Road Co. in your name as Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, of the Diocese of Mississippi. It is a gift to said Fund on the following conditions, to-wit:

FIRST. The principal shall constitute a permanent endowment fund, and shall be held intact forever.

SECONDLY. The income or interest, shall be appropriated to the support of the Episcopate.

THIRDLY. The aforesaid stock (ten shares), shall not be sold, or disposed of during my life, without my *written* consent.

FOURTHLY. The "Trustees of the Episcopal Fund" shall take formal action upon the acceptance of the Trust, with its conditions, etc., and send to me a copy of their proceedings.

In distributing some of this stock among our Church institutions, I have invariably interdicted unnecessary publicity, and especially advertising in newspapers. In one instance it was disregarded.

Our Road will not make a dividend probably for some time, possibly a year or two. It has constantly to buy rolling stock to keep up with the increasing business.

Very truly yours,
JOHN. H. SWIFT.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, February 23d, 1871.

JOHN H. SWIFT, Esq., 64 West 20th, St., New York—

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your kind favor of the 15th inst., enclosing as a gift to the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Mississippi, upon certain conditions named by you, a certificate for ten shares of the stock of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad Co.

In the name of the Trustees of said Fund, and also in behalf of the Diocese of Mississippi, I desire to thank you for the munificent gift, and gratefully to accept the same with the conditions indicated.

Formal action will be taken by the Diocesan Council, at its next Annual meeting in April, when a copy of the Official proceedings will be sent to you.

Very truly yours,
JOHN DUNCAN,

Trustee, etc., of the Episcopal Fund of Diocese of Miss.

The Standing Committee presented a report of their proceeding for the past year.

(See Appendix D.)

Reports of committees appointed at the last Council were presented and read.

Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons :

The Committee on Constitution and Canons recommend that the proposed Canon of last year be adopted, with the addition of the words "provided etc."

CANON.

The name of any clergyman absent from the Diocese for the space of two or more years, without permission of the Bishop, or the existing ecclesiastical authority, shall be dropped from the roll of the clergy, upon the understanding, however, that no right of jurisdiction over him shall be relinquished; and provided that after such omission of his name, it shall be the duty of the ecclesiastical authority to replace it upon the roll in case of his return to the Diocese, and after due submission or satisfactory explanations.

The committee, in consideration of the difficulties in the way of providing an obligatory form of Parochial Reports, and of the practical objection which exists to the exclusion of reports not conformed to in every particular, recommend that Canon IX be repealed.

The committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Canon in the place of that repealed :

PROPOSED CANON.

The Secretary of the Council shall furnish to each Minister of a Parish, or if there be no regular Minister, to the Senior Warden, a printed form of Parochial Reports, conformed to the requirements of the annual statistic report and tabular view of the state of the church, published in the journal of the Council.

On motion, the Canons, as reported by the committee, were adopted and the former Canon IX, was repealed.

The Report of the Committee on Convocations was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The appointment of the time and place for holding the next Council being next in order, Holly Springs was designated by unanimous *viva voce* vote, and the second Wednesday in May was selected as the day for convening the Council.

The Council then took up the election of Diocesan officers, with the following result :

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., and Rev. Duncan C. Green—Clerical.

Messrs. W. T. Balfour, M. D., and G. D. Sidway—Lay.

The ballot being unanimously dispensed with, Mr. John A. Klein was re-elected to the office of Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council was called to order at 5 o'clock P. M., the Rev. Dr. Crane in the Chair.

The Council proceeded in the election of Diocesan officers, re-electing—

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property—John A. Klein, John Duncan, Esq., Hon. Wm. Yerger.

The ballot was dispensed with, and the Council elected unanimously to the

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. James A. Fox, Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D., Rev. Wm. K. Douglas.

Returning to the ballot, the following were elected

Delegates to the General Convention—Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. Wm. K. Douglas—Clerical.

Messrs. T. E. B. Pegues, W. T. Balfour, M. D., John Duncan, Esq., R. S. Stith, Esq.—Lay.

ALTERNATES.

Rev. J. T. Pickett, Rev. Duncan C. Green, Rev. Wallace Carnahan—Clerical.

Messrs. P. P. Bailey, Hon. Alex. Montgomery—Lay.

There remaining one Clerical and two Lay Alternate Delegates to be elected, a second ballot was taken, and Mr. S. L. Mosby was elected.

Upon a third ballot, the Rev. Wm. W. Lord, D. D., was elected. A fourth ballot resulted in the election of Hon. Jos. D. Shields.

The ballot being dispensed with, the Council re-elected as Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, John Duncan, Esq.; Trustees of the University of the South, Rev. Wm. C. Crane, D. D., John Duncan, Esq. and T. E. B. Pegues. On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Nicene Creed be referred to a special Committee.

The Rt. Rev. President appointed as that Committee, Rev. Wm. K. Douglas, Rev. Jas. T. Pickett, Rev. Wm. C. Crane, D. D.

On motion,

Resolved, That that portion of the Bishop's address recommending some action in the case of indigent families of deceased Clergymen be referred to a special Committee.

Upon the Committee were appointed Rev. Messrs. J. T. Pickett, James A. Fox, Wm. D. Christian, and Messrs. S. L. Mosby, John Rawle, and W. W. Allein.

It was moved and resolved, unanimously, that a Committee prepare resolutions in regard to the Rev. Wm. H. Burton, deceased.

Mr. J. S. Stith, Esq., and Rev. Messrs. Duncan C. Green, and J. P. Lytton were appointed the Committee.

On motion, the Council adjourned until tomorrow at 9 A. M.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ, }
April 29th, 1871.

The Council went into session at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. President.

The roll was called. Present, as yesterday, with the exception of Messrs. Jno. A. Klein, of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, and Bisland Shields, M. D., of Church Hill.

The Secretary was excused from reading the minutes of yesterday's session.

The rules of order were suspended in order to receive the Rt. Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, D. D., Bishop of Louisiana, and the members rose to welcome him to a seat in the Council.

The Rt. Rev. President invited him to a seat by his side. On motion,

- *Resolved*, That a special Committee be appointed with instructions to report to the next annual Council, which shall be charged with the duty of preparing a digest of the present Canon Law of the Diocese; and also with the preparation of such amendments and such additional Canons as may seem to be required.

- The existing Committee on Constitution and Canons were appointed as such Committee.

- While awaiting reports of Committees, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Louisiana, by request of the Rt. Rev. President, addressed the Council, informally, in a few well chosen, forcible and encouraging words, which were listened to with the most marked attention and interest.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons made a special report:

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred a communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, notifying the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of Mississippi of the following resolution:

- *Resolved*, That Article 5 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows, viz:

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese, to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions, viz:

No new Dioceses shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop

and Convention of each of the Dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention, and such consent shall not be given by the General Convention until it has satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated new Diocese.

No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than six Parishes, or less than six Presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a Parish or Congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than twelve Parishes, or less than twelve Presbyters who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above mentioned; provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two or more Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof, and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a Diocese into two or more Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

Adopted by a Constitutional majority of both Houses of the General Convention in October, 1868.

And also this resolution and table, similarly proposed and adopted:

Resolved, That an additional Cycle completing the present century be inserted in the Table for finding Easter; and that the Cycle from 1843 inclusive, which has already expired, be hereafter omitted.

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recommend the adoption of said amendments and New Cycle.

W. W. LORD, Chairman.

On motion, the action of the committee was agreed to.

The Committee to whom had been referred the proposition to alter the Nicene Creed, mentioned in the Bishop's Address, submitted a report, which, after considerable discussion, was withdrawn by them.

The following was laid before the Council:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

There are many things to encourage us in the present condition of the Diocese, among which we would make first and most grateful mention of the goodness of God in restoring the health of our beloved Bishop. At no time since he came among us, have his ministrations been marked by greater activity and efficiency. Next to this is the satisfaction we have derived from his announcement to the Council of the re-establishment of his residence in his own Diocese; making for the present his home in Canton.

We have the satisfaction, also, of reporting an improved attendance upon our Council, and a decidedly increased interest on the part of its members in the prosperity and extension of the Church. We have reason to believe, also, that the character and claims of the Church are better understood, and regarded by those who are without, than in former years; and it is very noticeable that the prejudices against her, which were once so rife, have, to a great extent, died out of the popular mind.

The successful establishment in one of our Parishes of a Sunday School for colored children, would seem to indicate that agency as the most sensible and efficient mode of reaching a large class among us, whose spiritual condition we cannot disregard without a most culpable neglect of duty in protecting both them and our own people from all the evils and corruptions incident to a relapse into the heathenism of their ancestors.

We find that during the last year one Church has been consecrated—and six are, at the present, so far completed as to admit of their being used for public worship.

Five persons have been ordained, and there are now on the list twelve candidates for Holy Orders. Besides the number of baptisms reported by the clergy, the Bishop has himself baptized forty-eight adults and sixty-two children. He has confirmed two hundred and thirty-three persons.

The contributions for Church purposes, so far as reported, exceeded \$40,000, being more than double those of the previous year.

A full tabular statement, condensed from the parochial reports, is herewith submitted.

WM. C. CRANE, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance presented their report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Diocesan Treasurer, beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Council the following report:

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recommend the adoption of said amendments and New Cycle.

W. W. LORD, Chairman.

Your Committee ask the adoption by the Council of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That there shall be had in each Parish, on the fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October, in every year, or on the succeeding Sunday thereafter on which services may be held, a collection for the purpose of raising the amount assessed on such parish, for the Bishop's salary, and that the Treasurer of each Parish, shall forthwith remit to the Treasurer of the Diocese the sums so collected.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished by the Secretary of the Council to each Rector, or to the Senior Warden of each Parish, with directions to have them read to their congregations, on the Sunday preceding the day fixed for the collection.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the correspondence between Col. John Duncan, Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and John H. Swift, Esq., of New York City, relating to the donation by the latter to the Trustees of said Fund, of ten shares of stock in the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad Company, of one hundred dollars each, beg leave, respectfully to report the following resolutions to the Council, and recommend their adoption :

Resolved, 1. That the munificent donation of John H. Swift, Esq., of the City of New York, to the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of this Diocese, of ten shares of stock in the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad Company, be, and the same is hereby gratefully accepted, with the conditions annexed.

Resolved, 2d. That the hearty thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to Mr. Swift for this most liberal and acceptable donation.

Resolved, 3d. That the Secretary of this Council be hereby instructed to communicate to Mr. Swift the foregoing report and resolutions.

Whereas, in the opinion of your Committee, it is all-important to the welfare of the Diocese that a fund should be raised for the support of the Episcopate, and also to relieve the Parishes of the annual assessment now imposed on them for this purpose, which fund your Committee think can be raised by voluntary subscriptions from all the Parishes of the Diocese.

Your Committee beg leave, therefore, to offer the following resolutions for the consideration and the action of the Council : Be it

Resolved, 1st. That each Rector of a Parish, or in the absence of any Rector, the Senior Warden, be required to call on each member of the Parish, or any others who may be induced to aid, for subscriptions, for the above purpose; one-fourth payable in cash, and the remainder in one, two and three years, with interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum on the unpaid installments until paid.

Resolved, 2d. That whenever any amounts may be collected for the above stated object, they shall be at once invested in good interest-bearing securi-

NOTICE!



THE next ANNUAL COUNCIL will be held in Trinity Church, Natchez on the last Thursday in April, 1871.

CANTON, Miss.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,
Secretary.



Attention is especially called to the following Standing Resolutions:

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Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished by the Secretary of the Council to each Rector, or to the Senior Warden of each Parish, with directions to have them read to their congregations, on the Sunday preceding the day fixed for the collection.

Resolved, That the Rectors of the several Parishes be requested to have a plate box placed in their respective Churches, and call attention to the same, and that all amounts so contributed and raised, be used in the payment of the indebtedness due the Bishop.



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ties, or loaned on good notes well secured. The interest only to be used in payment of the Bishop's salary, or otherwise as the Council may direct. The principal to remain forever intact.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. BALFOUR, Chairman,
T. E. B. PEGUES,
R. S. STITH,
P. P. BAILEY,
JOHN DUNCAN.

On motion, the resolutions in regard to the donation of John H. Swift, Esq., of New York city—the resolution recommending collections for Bishop's salary—and the Assessment Roll, set forth by the Committee, were severally adopted:

On motion,

Resolved, That the past basis of assessment of Parishes for the support of the Episcopate, and contingent fund, be abolished, and the assessment be left to the discretion of the Finance Committee, subject to the revision of the Council; provided, such sum shall not exceed the amount necessary to pay the Bishop's salary.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, to whom was referred the proposition to prepare an additional section to Canon 1, entitled section 4, defining the duties of the Wardens and Vestry of a Parish, have had said proposed amendment under respectful consideration, and report that they do not deem it expedient that the proposed amendment to section 2, of Canon 1, should be adopted. They therefore report the said proposed amendment back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

W. W. LORD, Chairman.

On motion, the report was agreed to after extended debate.

The same Committee submitted a report in regard to a proposed Canon on Convocations, which was discussed at considerable length.

During the spirited debate, a motion to adjourn until 5 o'clock, P. M., was carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the request of the Council, and in the absence of the Rt. Rev. President, the Rev. Dr. Sansom was called to the Chair.

The Secretary of the Central Convocation read his report from the records of the Convocation.

[See Parochial Reports.]

The following was submitted:

The Trustees of the University of the South from this Diocese would re-

spectfully report to the Council that they were all in attendance at the Annual meeting of the Board in July last, and had an opportunity afforded them, from close personal inspection, of judging of the merits of this Institution, which in less than two years—without endowment, and relying almost wholly upon its own resources, has entered upon a vigorous life, and is already beginning to realize the hopes which were so fondly cherished by its noble founders.

In view of the extent and situation of its domain—the entire exclusion from the whole region of country surrounding it of all corrupting influences—the interest which every family, and indeed every resident upon the mountain, has in this great work of the church—it is hardly possible to conceive of more wholesome restraints and more powerfully sustaining supports, than are here afforded to the sons of the church, during the most critical periods of their lives. Nowhere else, to our knowledge, is the Church's system brought to bear so efficiently upon the development of christian life, and the strengthening of christian principles among the youth of our country. As a safe *home* for the children of the Church, as well as a seat of sound learning, in which all who are directly engaged in the business of instruction have been selected not only for their attainments and experience, but also with special reference to their devotion to the Church, and to the work with which it has entrusted them, we commend with perfect confidence the University of the South to our brethren throughout the Diocese.

The great obstacle in the way of the growth of the Institution is the inadequacy of the accommodations afforded to meet the rapidly increasing demand. One hundred and eighty-five students have already been entered since the opening of the spring term—a number which might be almost immediately doubled by a little prompt liberality on the part of our people in furnishing the means for additional dormitories. The opportunity is unquestionably afforded us of effecting a vast amount of good with but small individual offerings, if we can only unite in making them now, when the great work, which yields in importance to none other, is at a stand for lack of means to carry it on.

WM. C. CRANE,
THO. E. B. PEGUES,
JOHN DUNCAN.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Registrar of this Diocese be elected, who shall have the custody of all official documents and historical evidence relating to the Diocese and its several Parishes, preserve the same in safety, and make a report to each Diocesan Council, respecting the material in his possession.

Under the Resolution, the ballot being dispensed with, the Rev. Wm. K. Douglas was unanimously elected.

The Chairman of the Committee to whom had been referred that portion of the Bishop's address relating to the Diocese of the Rev. Wm. H. Burton reported as follows:

The Special Committee who were appointed to draft suitable resolutions for the action of this Council, commemorative of our deceased brother, Rev. Wm. H. Burton, respectfully report the following, and recommend their unanimous adoption by a rising vote :

1st. *Resolved*, That this Council realize, with the deepest sorrow, that our beloved brother, Rev. Wm. H. Burton, has passed from among us; and that in his death we have lost one of our most pure-hearted, earnest, devout and faithful ambassadors of Christ, who meekly sought to follow the example of his blessed Lord, whose treasure was truly laid up in Heaven, whose example should stimulate us all to higher and holier living, and whose death, illuminated as it was by a triumphant faith, and made calm and beautiful by the blessed hope of immortal life, should inspire in each of us deeper yearnings that we may die the death of the righteous, and that our last end may be like his. But while we weep for our loss, we realize that it is great gain to him, and that "he now rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

2d. *Resolved*, That the cordial sympathies of this Council are hereby tendered to the afflicted family of our deceased brother, who, notwithstanding the consolation of the Christian's hope, can but deeply mourn the loss of one so gentle, so upright, and so much beloved in all the relations of domestic life, whose place to them can no more be filled on earth. But while we weep with them, let us cheer them with the blessed truth, that though he cannot return to them, they can go to him.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Council is hereby instructed to prepare and have printed with the Journal of this Council, a suitable memorial page in commemoration of our deceased brother.

4th. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Council furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Widow and family of deceased.

R. S. STITH, Chairman.

The following proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Diocese was laid before the Council by a majority vote, for action at the next Council :

Strike out all after the word "*Provided*," in the second clause of the third article of the Constitution of this Diocese, and insert the following :

That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be a communicant of the Council in the Parish which he represents. On a division, the delegation from each Parish shall be entitled to but one vote.

On motion, leave of absence for the remainder of the Session was granted to Mr. W. W. Allein, of Christ's Church, Vicksburg.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows :

The Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report that they can find nothing requiring the notice of the Council that has not already been acted upon, unless it be some definite action for the purpose of "organizing and making efficient the Missionary work of the Diocese,"

irrespective of the organization of Convocations, as called for by resolution on page 29 of the last Journal.

GEO. WALDO STICKNEY,
W. H. STHRESHLEY,
Committee.

The following were received from the committees :

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Parochial Schools respectfully report that they find no matter before them on which to base an accurate report. From circumstances known to them, they are only too well aware of the present depressed condition of all educational interests, so far as connected with the Diocese. It is to be deeply lamented that members of the church do not realize, as they ought, the responsibility which rests upon them in this matter. The necessity of rebuilding so many of our churches and parsonages has doubtless had its effect in preventing the appropriation of means to the restoration of colleges and schools, scarcely less important than the house of God itself. The dire poverty of our people has obliged parents and guardians to place their children and wards at institutions better endowed than any church school can be at present, or to send them to distant lands, where every teaching is at variance with that true, reverent faith which should ever temper the acquisition of intellectual knowledge.

The recent introduction of a complicated system of public instruction, bringing burdens upon our people hard to be borne (the success of which has yet to be looked for), must embarrass Church action.

Probably the only Parish School now in successful operation is that connected with Christ Church, Vicksburg. The cheering progress of this institution, despite of many obstacles, furnishes many useful lessons.

The Committee cannot close this meagre statement without expressing the hope that this sad state of things may be taken to heart, both by clergy and laity. It is a humiliating truth that, while no religious body in the land lays greater stress upon proper religious training of the young than our own, there is not one whose members are not more careful to retain their children in secular schools of their own way of thought. Brethren, this ought not so to be. The ways of the Church are the ways in which our children should be trained. No day of the plastic period of childhood should be lost in familiarizing the young mind with the things which pertain to immortal life.

J. T. PICKETT, Chairman.

On Provision for destitute families of deceased Clergymen of this Diocese :

In consequence of the short time allowed for the preparation and consideration by the Council, of a permanent plan for the relief of destitute families of deceased clergymen of the Diocese, the committee would recommend the appointment of a special committee to take the subject into consideration, and report a plan at the next annual meeting of the Council.

To meet the urgent necessities of the cases which have been brought before us, the committee propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a collection be taken up in each congregation, on the first Sunday in June, or on some subsequent Sunday as soon thereafter as possible, due notice of which shall be given by the Rector on the previous Sunday, and an appeal made to his people in their behalf; and that the money so collected be transmitted to the Bishop.

Resolved, That the above recommendation be communicated to every Clergyman of the Diocese, by the Secretary, immediately after the adjournment of the Council.

J. T. PICKETT, Chairman.

On motion, ordered that the Secretary have printed 1000 copies of the journal of the proceedings of this Council, omitting the Constitution and Canons, except where altered or proposed to be amended.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, in regard to the proposed Canon on Convocations, was re-referred, when the committee presented the following substitute for the original report:

The Committee upon proposed Canon XIII, for the organization of Convocations and Chapters, with one Archdeacon as their immediate ecclesiastical head, recommend that it do not pass.

W. W. LORD,
T. A. FOX,
J. D. SHIELDS,
Committee.

On motion, the report was agreed to.

The following was submitted and unanimously adopted. Be it

Resolved, By the Clerical and Lay Delegates of this Council, that we offer to the members of Trinity Church, and the good people of Natchez, our most sincere thanks for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality which has been extended to the members of this Council, and that the Rev. Dr. Dana be requested to communicate this resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to the Railroad Companies who have afforded facilities of travel to the members of this Council, and also to the Captain and officers of the steamer Natchez, and other steamers for like courtesies.

Resolved, That copies of the above resolution be furnished by the Secretary to the Captain of the Natchez, and other steamers, and to the authorities of said Railroads.

On motion, the Council took recess for divine services. The session was resumed immediately after.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Dispensing with the ballot, John Rawle was unanimously elected a

substitute for Hon. J. D. Shields, alternate Delegate to General Convention, resigned.

On motion, the Council resolved itself into the Diocesan Missionary Society.

It was moved and resolved that the Missionary work be conducted on the Convocational system, upon the three lines of travel. All the Parishes on or near the Mobile and Ohio Railroad to be known as the Columbus Convocation ; those on or near the New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad, to be known as the Jackson Convocation ; those on or near the Mississippi River, to be known as the Vicksburg Convocation.

On motion,

Resolved, That the officers of the Council be, for the present, the officers of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The motion being made and seconded to adjourn, the Rt. Rev. President spoke a few words of encouragement and parting, and after a hymn and prayer, pronounced the Benediction and declared the Council adjourned, *sine die*.

WILLIAM MERCER GREEN,

Attest :

Bishop of Mississippi, President.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,

Secretary.

Parochial Reports.

TRINITY CHURCH—NATCHEZ.

Families, about 100; Communicants, (Added 27, Died, 4;) about 120; Baptisms, (adults, 5, infants, 20); Confirmations, probably 15; Marriages, (white, 7;) Funerals, 22; Sunday School Teachers, 10; Pupils, 80.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$180; For University of the South, \$220; Feeble Churches, \$21 50; Ladies' Aid Society, \$1,367.50; Sunday School, \$55; Bishop's salary, \$350; Contingent expenses, \$45; Collection for Rev. A. W. Clark, \$198.

C. B. DANA,
Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH—CHURCH HILL, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Families, 18; Individuals, 37; Communicants, (Added, 3;) Baptisms, (infants, 3); Confirmations, colored, 1; Marriages, (white, 1;) Funerals, 2.

Contributions—Bishop's salary, \$100; Contingent expenses, \$12; Diocesan Missions, \$30.

This Church is still without a Minister. The spiritual interests of the Parish are seriously suffering for the want of one. An appeal has been made to the Bishop, without success, to supply the congregation with a suitable Clergyman. This Parish will give \$800, and Rodney \$200, making \$1000, to a Clergyman who will divide his time between the two places (12 miles apart) in the proportion of the above subscriptions.

JAS. S. JOHNSTON,
Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—WOODVILLE, WILKINSON COUNTY.

Families, 30; Communicants, (Added, 16; Died, 2; Removed,

4;)-53; Baptisms, (Adults, 2, Infants, 6;) 8; Confirmations, 6; Funerals, 2; Sunday School Teachers, 6; Pupils, 40.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$21 70; Sunday collections, \$11 75; Sundry persons, \$100; Parochial expenses, \$11 75; Bishop's salary, \$100; Diocesan Missions, \$21 70.

The above statement of contributions is from the last week in January, at which time my labor, as Pastor of this Parish, began. Active steps have lately been taken for the immediate repairing of the church building, and for completing the repairs on the Rectory premises.

The Parochial statement is for the entire year, and is as full and accurate as circumstances would permit its being made.

J. P. LYTTON, (Deacon),
Pastor St. Paul's Church.

CHRIST CHURCH--VICKSBURG.

Families, 100; Communicants, (Added, 43; Died, 4; Not communed within the last year, 20;) 125; Baptisms, (Adults, 12, Infants, 46;) 58; Confirmations, 23; Marriages, (white, 15;) Funerals, 24; Sunday School teachers, 20; Pupils, 140.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$192; Sunday collections, \$584.-80; Domestic Missions, \$43; University of the South, \$18 50; Diocesan Missions, \$107; Parish library, \$64 55; Special charitable objects, \$95; Contingent expenses, 45; Sunday School Lent offerings, \$157; Improvements on Church buildings, \$700; Bishop's salary, \$350.

One of the most encouraging incidents in connection with this Parish during the past year, is the opening of a Parish school. From the commencement to the present, the school has met with the most gratifying encouragement. Opening with 70 scholars, we have had an average daily attendance of 100 for nearly eight months. For this number of scholars, we employ four most highly accomplished teachers, and it is peculiarly gratifying to state that so far the income of the school has been more than sufficient to pay its expenses.

The school is opened every day, by the Rector, with a short liturgical service, selected from the Prayer Book, and on Friday mornings all are required to attend Morning Prayer in the church. The bread is thus cast upon the waters in faith that it will be seen after many days.

H. SANSOM,
Rector.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH—RAYMOND, HINDS COUNTY.

Families, 15; Communicants, (Added, 2;) 23; Baptisms, (Adults, 1, Infants, 1;) Confirmations, 2; Marriages, (white, 1;) Sunday School teachers, 6; Pupils, 30.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$3 50.

WM. K. DOUGLAS,
Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH—HOLLY SPRINGS.

Families, 28; Communicants, (Added, 7; Died, 4; Removed, 9;) 70; Baptisms, (Adults, 2, Infants, 6,) 8; Marriages, (white, 4;) Funerals, 5; Sunday School teachers, 9; Pupils, 52.

Contributions—Sunday collections, \$486 45; Other contributions, \$828 60; Parochial expenses, \$486 45; Bishop's salary, \$150; Contingent expenses, \$40; Diocesan Missions, \$12 60; Repairing church, \$300; For church lot, \$326.

J. T. PICKETT,
Rector.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY.

Families, 90; Communicants, (Added, 27;) Present number 101; Baptisms, (Adults, 4; Infants, 19;) 23; Confirmations, 11; Marriages, (white, 7;) Funerals, 7; Sunday School teachers, 26; Pupils, white, 119; Colored, 130.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$248 65; Sunday collections, \$354 72; From Parishioners and others, for building church, about \$4,000; Parochial expenses, \$139 57; Sunday Schools, \$28; Bishop's salary, \$320 15; Contingent expenses, \$35; Diocesan Missions, \$37 40; Charitable objects, \$26 25; University of the South, \$17; Towards completing Parish church, \$4,000.

In November last we were permitted to worship, for the first time, in our new Church. That event marked the entering upon a new era in the history of our Parish. Although the church is still unplastered, and in every way unfinished, we hardly know how to be sufficiently thankful for the shelter it affords us, after having been for more than seven years without any place of worship we could call our own. The building is already filled, and additional accommodations

are being called for. Most efficient aid has been rendered in the prosecution of this work by the "Daughters of St. Andrew's," a society consisting of the young ladies and girls of the congregation, through whose indefatigable energy it has been brought to its present state of forwardness, and will be completed at an early day. Of them it may well be said, "many daughters have done virtuously, but they have excelled them all."

WM. C. CRANE,
Rector.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—LAMAR, MARSHALL COUNTY.

Families, 9; Communicants, (Added 3); Baptisms—(Adults 4, Infants 9) 13; Confirmations, 6; Funerals, 1; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Pupils, 20.

Contributions—Sunday Collections, \$26 50; Individuals, \$189; Sunday Schools, \$3; Bishop's Salary, \$30; Diocesan Missions, \$17 50; Domestic, \$3; Charitable Objects, \$59.

WM. K. DOUGLAS,
Late Rector.

EPIPHANY CHURCH—CLAIBORNE COUNTY.

Families, 11; Individuals, about 50; Communicants, 13; Baptisms (Infant), 1; Confirmations, 1; Marriages (Colored), 3; Funerals, 1.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$2 40; Bishop's Salary, \$20; Diocesan Missions, \$2 40.

The undersigned has been officiating in the above church one Sunday of the month, more with the object of preventing evil than in the expectation of doing good. The church at this point is languishing, more for the lack of regular and frequent services than for any indisposition on the part of the people to do what they are able to support them. Although it is true that the church is languishing, yet I feel persuaded that an active and judicious clergyman, whose tastes were suited to country people, could not only build up the old church, but establish at least one promising mission station, now occupied by the Methodists.

J. S. JOHNSTON,
Missionary in Charge.

TRINITY CHURCH—YAZOO CITY.

Communicants (Added 10, Died 3, Removed 9), 47; Baptisms (Adults 5, Infants 10), 15; Confirmations, 7; Marriages (White,) 11; 22; Funerals, 6; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Pupils, 33.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$40 35; Sunday Collections, \$67 44; Charitable Objects, \$55 55; Ladies' Society, \$28 25; Church Building Fund, \$789 50; Sunday School Collections, \$31 80; Parochial Expenses, \$190 54; Bishop's Salary, \$125; Contingent Expenses, \$10; Charitable Objects, \$56 80; University of South, \$21 20; Prayer Book Society, \$5 25; for Church Building, \$2,279 50.

W. D. CHRISTIAN, Rector.

ASCENSION CHURCH—HERNANDO.

Families, 10; Individuals, 43; Communicants (Added, 3) 14; Baptisms (Adults 3, Infants 5), 8; Confirmations, 4; Marriages (White) 1; Sunday School Teachers, 4; Pupils, 20.

Contributions—Parochial Expenses, \$525; Bishop's Salary, \$30; Contingent Expenses, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$6.

J. T. M. SMITH, Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—ABERDEEN, MONROE COUNTY.

Families 35; Individuals, 100; Communicants (Added 8, Removed 4), 43; Baptisms (Adults 3, Infants 10) 13; Confirmations, 4; Marriages (White) 4; Funerals, 5; Sunday School Teachers, 8; Pupils, 50.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$59 15; Sunday Collections, \$81 30; Parochial Expenses, \$52 95; Bishop's Salary, \$71 65; Diocesan Missions, \$15 25.

I have been greatly hindered in the performance of my duties by continued sickness since the first Sunday in February. I have not been able at any time to celebrate public worship. My good Brother, Rev. H. C. Harris, has officiated for me several times; and Mr. Heber O. Crane, candidate for Holy Orders, has also rendered me efficient and most acceptable help as a Lay Reader in this Parish,

A. W. CLARKE, Rector.

GRACE CHURCH—CANTON, MADISON COUNTY.

Families, 40; Communicants (Added 15, Removed, 7,) 65; Baptisms (Adults 5, Infants 10,) 15; Confirmations, 10; Marriages (White 10, Colored 1,) 11; Funerals, 4; Sunday School Teachers, 7; Pupils, 40.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$650; Sunday Collections, \$123 95; Daughters of Grace Church, \$50; Parochial Expenses, \$150; Sunday School, \$25; Bishop's Salary, \$150; Contingent Expenses, \$15; Diocesan Missions, \$22 20.

The Rector of this Parish is rejoiced in being able to report, in addition to these statistics, that the Parish is free from debt and the Rector's salary paid quarterly in advance. The women of the congregation, under the appellation of "The Daughters of Grace Church," have already accomplished much, and will, with God's help, increase their womanly and christian efforts. The congregations are almost equal to the full capacity of the church, and the Sunday School is gradually approaching a high state of interest and spiritual usefulness to the children.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,
Rector.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH—KIRKWOOD, MADISON COUNTY.

Families, 7; Individuals, 35; Communicants (Added 1,) 18; Confirmations, 3; Marriages (White 2, Colored 2;) Funerals, 1; Sunday School Teachers, 2; Pupils, 15.

Contributions—Bishop's Salary, \$10; Diocesan Missions, \$5.

This Parish, from its isolated position, has always been small, being composed of a few families and their descendants, most of whom become identified with the Church. Removals of those who arrive at maturity sometimes occur, but their places are supplied by the younger portion. While there is, therefore, little opportunity for actual increase, other Parishes are receiving the benefit of Church training here. The Parish at present is in a healthy condition, and attendance upon public worship is uniformly good. The Rector has charge of a flourishing Public School, in which he endeavors to impart some religious instruction every day, and he trusts that the seed thus sown may bear fruit for the Church on earth and in heaven.

WILLARD PRESBURY, Rector.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH—BRANDON, RANKIN COUNTY.

Communicants (former report 54, Died 1, Removed 10, Lapsed 95, present number, 34; Baptisms (Infant), 9; Funerals, 1; Sunday School Teachers, 8; Pupils, 50.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$47 60.

The undersigned assumed temporary charge of this parish on the first of March last.

GEO. C. HARRIS, Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—PORT GIBSON, CLAIBORNE COUNTY.

Families, 26; Individuals, 100; Communicants (Added 10, Died 1, Removed 6); 31; Baptisms (Adults 5, Infants 9), 14; Confirmations, 9; Marriages (White) 6; Funerals, 7; Sunday School Teachers, 2; Pupils, 6.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$21; Sunday Collections, \$119 64; Bishop's Salary, \$75; Contingent Expenses, \$10; Diocesan Missions, \$24 50.

I take pleasure in being able to report to the Bishop a very great improvement in the church at Port Gibson. A little more than a year ago, when I took charge of the church, it was in a very crippled condition, owing to the unfaithful ministrations of my predecessor. But under the Divine blessing, much of the evil effects of his ministry has been done away, and the church at Port Gibson bids fair to become one of the most flourishing in the Diocese. I am happy to be able to say that the secular affairs of the church have been managed with a great deal of success by a very efficient vestry, to whose zeal and wisdom is owing, in no little degree, the improved condition of the church. There was organized, on the 4th day of last July, a Ladies' Aid Society, which has for its object the general welfare of the church, yet indulging the hope that at some day they may be largely instrumental in erecting a suitable church edifice, the lack of which is the chief obstacle in the way of a rapid increase of the church at this place. We use, by sufferance, an old Campbellite meeting house, which badly serves the necessary requirements of public worship, that is to say, it has walls, a roof and seats, but is utterly barren of anything in the way of architecture or comfort to aid the service in winning upon the hearts of strangers, many of whom are frequently at our services; particularly was this so during the last Lenten season. The Ladies' Aid Society has been incorporated by the Legislature, so that it can legally enforce all of its corpo-

rate rights. They have in their treasury about \$450. I report to the Council 28 actual communicants from my own parish, and 3 from Grand Gulf. I have on the roll the names of 56 confirmed persons, who reside in parts adjacent to this Parish. I do not report them as communicants, for they are rarely at Church, and are utterly unavailable for the purposes of assessment.

J. S. JOHNSTON, (Deacon.)

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS—MADISON COUNTY.

Families, 8; Individuals, 50; Communicants (Added 3, Removed 14); 11; Baptisms (Adult 4, Infant 1), 5; Confirmations 5; Marriages (White 3, Colored 1); 4; Funerals, 3.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$15.

GEO. C. HARRIS, Rector.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH—OXFORD.

Families, 26; Confirmed persons, 63; Actual Communicants, 48; Sunday School Teachers, 4; Sunday School Pupils, 43; Confirmations, 5; Ready for Confirmation, 8; Baptisms (Adult 1, Infant 11); Funerals, 1; General Offertory, \$218 38; Communion Alms, \$18 25; for Diocesan Missions, 38 45; for University of the South, \$21 20; for purposes within the Parish, \$84 85; Residue paid on Church Debt, \$625; for Bishop's Salary, \$100; for Convention Fund, 12.

Having resigned the charge of St. James Church, Greenville, on the 26th of September, 1870, the Rector took charge of his present Parish on the first Sunday in Advent last. During the vacancy of the Rectorship services had been maintained by the zealous and devoted efforts of the Senior Warden, Col. T. E. B. Pegues.

The Church property is still encumbered with a debt, (to the builder), but it is believed this will be discharged before the close of the year from funds expected to be derived from the sale of lots in a Cemetery ground, generously given to the Parish by the Hon. Jacob Thompson.

The Rector takes this opportunity of reminding our Church people throughout the Diocese of the importance of commending to his care their sons and wards, who may attend the University of the State. It would be well if the Clergy, also, would communicate with the Rector whenever members of their flocks are sent to the University.

It may not be out of place to mention here the establishment in this

Parish of "St. Peter's Church Hall," a private Seminary, taught by the Misses Carnahan and Assistants.

WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector.

CALVARY CHURCH—HOLMES COUNTY.

Families, 7; Individuals, 2; Communicants (Added 12, Removed 11); 23; Baptisms, (Adult 2, Infant 3); 5; Confirmations, 1; Marriages (White) 1; Funerals, 1.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$58 70; Collections, \$24 40: Bishop's Salary, \$56; Diocesan Missions, \$26 80.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT—ACONA, HOLMES COUNTY.

Families, 4; Communicants (Added 10, Removed 3); present number, 10; Baptisms (Adult 8, Infants 6); 14; Confirmed, 11; Sunday School Teachers, 2; Scholars, 16.

ST. MARY'S MISSION—LEXINGTON.

Families, 10; Communicants (Added 2); 13; Baptisms (Adult 2, Infants 1); 3; Confirmed, 3; Funerals, 1; Sunday School Teachers, 2; Pupils, 9; Communion Alms, \$20 55.

The Parish at Acona was organized during the last Advent season, but as all the canonical requirements have not yet been complied with, application for union with the Diocesan Council is for the present deferred.

B. HALSTEAD,

Rector of Calvary Church and Missionary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—EARLY GROVE, MARSHALL COUNTY.

Families, 14; Communicants (Added 3, Removed 7); 12; Baptisms (Adults 3, Infants 9); Confirmations, 1, Marriages (White 4, Colored 3), Funerals, 7; Sunday School Teachers, 6; Pupils, 36.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$50; Sunday Collections, \$20; Individuals, \$30; Sunday School, \$5; Bishop's salary, \$30; Diocesan Missions, \$20; Domestic, \$5.

WM. K. DOUGLAS, Rector.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH—BOVINA.

Families, 12; Communicants, 20; Confirmations, 2; Baptisms (Infant) 3; Marriages, 1; Funerals, 2.

Contributions—Domestic, \$2; Foreign, 10; Support of Episcopate, \$50; Convention Fund, \$8; Improvements in Buildings, \$1,206 50.

The Rector of St. Alban's reports that, during the past year services have been held once in two weeks, with two or three exceptions; that the attendance has been as good as could be expected inasmuch as a majority of the families reside several miles from the Church. Within the last year a Church edifice has been erected on the site of the one destroyed by the Northern invading army during the late war. The cost of the new building, which is still incomplete, has been about \$1,200,—\$100 of which was a donation from St. Alban's Church, N. Y., and about \$150 from friends in Vicksburg, the remainder from the Bovina neighborhood. A few hundred dollars are wanting to complete the building, it being neither ceiled nor painted.

JAS. A. FOX, Rector.

ST. LUKES CHURCH—SHIELDSBORO.

Families, 13; Communicants, 21; Sunday School Teachers, 6; Sunday School Pupils, 32; Infant Baptisms, 3.

Contributions—Support of Minister, \$13 50.

ST. MARKS CHURCH—MISSISSIPPI CITY.

Families, 13; Communicants, 23; Sunday School Teachers, 3; Sunday School Pupils, 8; Infant Baptisms, 2.

Contributions—For Support of Minister, \$32.

L. L. LURTON,
Missionary.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR—OSYKA, PIKE COUNTY.

Families, 9; Individuals, 47; Communicants, (Removed, 4,)—16; Baptisms, (Adults, 2, Infants, 7,)—9; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Sunday School Pupils, 25.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$2 50; Sunday Collections, (4th December, \$5 05, 2nd February, \$4 15, Easter, \$4,)—Total, \$15 70;

Parochial Expenses, \$82; Sunday School, \$40; Bishop's Salary, \$25; Contingent Expenses, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$4; Charitable Objects, \$5; University of South, \$5 05.

The undersigned took charge of this Parish, Nov. 25th, 1870. Of the Amount reported as expended in Parochial Expenses, \$70 was expended for a stove, a Bell, and a new fence around the Church Lot, the balance in heating, lighting and cleaning Church edifice. The Parish at Osyka is alive and awake to its duty, and will, I trust, be considerably strengthened in the course of the next year. The Rev. R. B. Croes of the Diocese of New York, officiated at Osyka three or four times during the Winter, on Sundays, between my monthly appointments.

HENRY FORRESTER,
Deacon and Acting Rector.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD—TERRY, HINDS COUNTY.

Families, 12; Individuals, 19; Communicants, (Added, 8, Died, 1,)—18; Baptisms, (Adult) 2; Confirmations, 5; Funerals, 2; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Sunday School Pupils, 18; Bible Class, 8,—Total 26.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$19; Bishop's Salary, \$30; Taken by Bishop, \$19,—Total, \$49.

We respectfully submit the foregoing statement and would further say, the Parish is gradually but steadily improving. The yard has been fenced, and evergreen trees planted in it. The Church has been repaired. The interior of the Church is adorned with a handsome gilt cross and lamp. But one great want is felt, from the fact that we have no Minister, the advancement is much slower than it would be. The presence of a Clergyman would not only keep together the present congregation, and add to its spiritual life, but it would strongly influence a large class of young people, living near the Church, and who are not now especially inclined to any Religious Denomination. The Parish is unable to support a Minister, but this, in conjunction with several of the neighboring Parishes could maintain one. We would urge upon the consideration of the Council the claims of this Church, in any plans they may make, for supplying Ministers for the different parts of the Diocese.

W. H. FITZHUGH,
Delegate to Council.

CHRIST'S CHURCH--SUMMIT, PIKE COUNTY.

Families, 14; Individuals, 51; Communicants, (Died, 2, Removed, 8,)—22; Baptisms, (Adults, 2, Infants, 3,)—5; Marriages, 1; Funerals 1; Sunday School Teachers, 6; Sunday School Pupils, 32.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$9; Sunday Collections, 1st, January, \$4 50; 1st, February, \$9 75; 3d, April, \$7 10,—Total, \$30 45; Parochial Expenses, \$2260; Sunday School, \$25; Bishop's Salary, \$39 25; Contingent Expenses \$10; Diocesan Missions, \$7 10; Charitable Objects, \$9 10; University of the South, \$4 50.

The undersigned took charge of the Parish, on the 23d of November, 1870. Of the amount charged to Parochial Expenses, \$2250, was expended in the building of a Rectory, which having been commenced two or three years ago, has now been made habitable, though not completed. Three Lots of Ground, given to the Church some time ago by Col. Wm. H. Garland, have been secured by deed from the giver. It is hoped that a Church edifice will be erected before the next Council.

HENRY FORRESTER,
Deacon and Acting Rector.

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR—MERIDIAN, LAUDERDALE COUNTY.

Families, 22; Individuals, \$30; Communicants, (Added, 5, Removed, 3,)—20; Baptisms, (Infants, 4,)—4; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Sunday School Pupils, 20.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$7 50; Bishop's Salary, \$13 80; Diocesan Missions, \$13 60; Minister's Support, (promised, \$200,) paid, \$125.

Duties were continued with two appointments at Summit, Miss., likewise in this Parish, semi-monthly, in connection with those also of Macon and the Missions intermediate, and below his point of residence, until my resignation of the entire field as above reported, and with results of brief labor. It is to be regretted that the activity in arranging for the maintenance of a regular monthly ministration in both Parishes, and for the erection of Church Buildings, and in the latter case, should have been *former* case, referring to Macon, as reported to last Council, failed entirely, and as to the Building in Meridian, at present, to be of long continuance. And thus with the approbation and advice of the Bishop, this entire and extended representation of the Church was again left to its former isolation.

GEO. WALDO STICKNEY,
Former Rector.

*Parochial Reports.***HOLY COMFORTER—DRY GROVE, HINDS COUNTY.**

Families, 10; Confirmed, 30; Communicants, (Added, 10;) Baptisms, (Adults, 1, Infants 1;) Sunday School teachers, 8; Pupils, 40.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$3 60; Sunday collections, \$13 50; Other collections, \$828; Bishop's salary, \$60; Contingent expenses, \$20; Diocesan Missions, \$13 50; Domestic Missions, \$8; Charitable objects, \$3 60; Parsonage, \$750.

WM. K. DOUGLAS,
Rector.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY—VICKSBURG.

Families, 56; Individuals, 240; Communicants, (Added, 52;) 92; Baptisms, (Adults, 2, Infants, 17;) 19; Confirmations, 17; Marriages, (white, 5, Colored, 1;) Funerals, 9; Sunday School teachers, 8; Pupils, 54.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$181 09; Sunday collections, \$357 25; Parochial expenses, \$10,000; Sunday School, \$149; Bishop's Salary, \$100; Diocesan Missions, \$64 60; Foreign, \$20 80; Charitable objects, \$319 09.

Under the \$10,000 Parochial expenses is included the amount which has been expended on the two buildings which are required for the present and the prospective use of the congregation, and the cost of renting a house for the Rector.

The foundations of a noble Church edifice (128 feet length, 75 feet front, and 170 feet spire) have been laid, and we trust that, like those of old, who, in troublous times, laid the foundation of the House of God, our hands also will be permitted to complete it.

W. W. LORD,
Rector.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY—MACON, NOXUBEE COUNTY.

Families, 12; Communicants, (Added, 10;) 15; Baptisms, (Adults 2, Infants, 2;) 4; Confirmations, 6; Funerals, 1; Sunday School teachers, 5; Pupils, 15.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$10; Minister's salary, (promised \$150;) \$124; Sunday School, \$3; Diocesan Missions, \$5; Church building, \$1,200.

Services were continued in this Parish since last Council, on the second Sunday of every month. At the visit of the Bishop in October last, a class of six was presented for confirmation.

GEO. WALDO STICKNEY,
Former Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—GREENVILLE, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Families, 50; Individuals, 60; Communicants, (Added, 19, Removed, 5;) 49; Baptisms, (Adults, 4, Infants, 10;) 14; Marriages, (White, 1;) Funerals, 3; Sunday School teachers, 6; Pupils, 34.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$107 17; Sunday collections, \$64 96; Parochial expenses, \$6 50; Sunday Schools, \$60 87; Bishop's salary, \$30 20; Contingent expenses, \$33 87; Diocesan Missions, \$7 35; Charitable objects, \$4; N. Y. P. B. Society, \$2 68; Children's offerings for Font., \$60; Ladies' Aid Society, \$1,800; Church building, \$1,800.

Began ministrations in this Parish in November last—subsequently becoming Rector. A handsome church has been completed, as previously begun under a predecessor, capable of seating over 200 persons, at a cost of \$5,700, with a contemplated debt to be liquidated, \$850, in the months of September and December next, respectively.

A female Institute has likewise been established, and is in an encouraging and promising condition. The proprietorship, as well as duties of Principal, having also been assumed. The prosperous condition of this, as also the work of the Parish, is due to the kind appreciation of the congregation, and the generosity of the community.

GEO. WALDO STICKNEY,
Rector.

NATIVITY CHURCH—WATER VALLEY.

Families, 14; Individuals, 25; Communicants, (Added, 6;) 12; Baptisms, (Adults, 5, Infants, 2;) 7; Confirmations, 4; Sunday School teachers, 4; Pupils, 22.

Contributions—Sunday School, \$29 78.

T. W. WHITSEY,
Junior Warden.

The Rector of St. Peter's Church, Oxford, reports to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, a statement of the work performed at Water Valley. At the Bishop's request he visited that place during the month of November, 1870, preached three or four times, baptized two adults, and prepared for confirmation four candidates, whom the Bishop subsequently confirmed. It may be added here that this place seems to present one of the most favorable fields for Missionary labor of any town in the Diocese.

WALLACE CARNAHAN.

GRACE CHAPEL—GRENADA, GRENADA COUNTY.

Families, 21; Communicants, (Added, 4) 15; Baptisms, Adults, 10, Infant, 3; Confirmations, 13; Funerals, 1; Sunday School Teachers, 10; Pupils, 40.

Contributions—From all sources, \$2,769; Parochial Expenses, \$3,600; Bishop's Salary, \$30; Contingent Expenses, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$13 40.

Our Church is now so far advanced that we can hold services in it—the discrepancies in our receipts are caused by some of our subscriptions not being paid, and \$238 on hand at last report. The Parish is out of debt to any outside party, the funds that were lacking being made up by the Vestry in their individual capacity. We have been without a Rector since Rev. D. S. Goodloe's resignation on the 10th of January. We are now making efforts in connection with Hernando Parish to secure another.

JOS. WEATHERLY,
Senior Warden.

HOLY COMMUNION CHAPEL—WARREN COUNTY.

Families, 11; Individuals, 35; Baptism, Adult, 1.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$35 90; Bishop's Salary, \$20; Contingent Expenses, \$3; Diocesan Missions, \$10; Foreign, \$2.

E. C. LAUGHLIN,
Minister.

MISSION—BROOKHAVEN, LINCOLN COUNTY.

Families, 6; Individuals, 16; Communicants, 8.

Contributions—Rev. Dr. Croes for Services, \$17; Self for Services, \$5.

I have held services at Brookhaven but once. Rev. R. B. Croes of the Diocese of New York, officiated three or four Sundays, and several times in the week, during Lent, I think a Parish might be built up at Brookhaven in course of time, if regular services were held there. It is a place of some importance, larger than Summit, and should be attended to if possible.

HENRY FORRESTER,
Deacon, Missionary.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER—BILOXI.

Families, 10; Communicants, 15; Sunday School Teachers, 7; Sunday School Pupils, 50; Baptisms, (Infant) 3; Collection for support of Minister, \$17 55.

L. L. LURTON,
Missionary.

MISSIONARY STATIONS.

Iuka—Families, 6; Communicants, 15.

Tupelo—Communicants, 3.

West Point—Communicants, 7.

Mayhew—Communicants, 1.

Brookville—Communicants, 8.

The Missionary in charge of the above Stations has been entrusted with the discharge of the duties which rested during the year 1870, upon the Rev. Geo. W. Stickney. His charge extends now from Corinth to the State line on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. By direction of the Bishop of the Diocese, he has visited most of the Stations on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad in Mississippi during the last few months. He desires to acknowledge his indebtedness to Mr. Heber Otey Crane, candidate for Holy orders, for efficient aid.

*Parochial Reports.***ST. JUDE'S CHURCH—CORINTH.**

Families, 12; Communicants, 31; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Pupils, 20; Confirmed, 13; Baptisms, Adults, 8; Infants, 1; Funerals, 1.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—PONTOTOC.

Families, 15; Communicants, 23; Confirmed, 8; Baptisms, Adults, 2; Infants, 1.

GRACE CHURCH—OKOLONA.

Families, 7; Communicants, 19; Baptisms, Infants, 1.

CHURCH OF NATIVITY—MACON.

Confirmed, 2; Marriages, 2; Baptisms, Adults, 2; Funerals, 2.

HENRY C. HARRIS,
Missionary.

MISSION—ENTERPRISE, CLARKE COUNTY.

Families, 6; Individuals, 4; Communicants (Added), 2; Died, 1; Removed, 1; Baptisms, Infants, 2; Confirmations, 1; Funerals, 1; Contributions—Bishop's Salary, \$11.

We have no Church. The county is Clarke. The Parish is not organized, there being no Church, no Vestry or Wardens and no Minister. We have had only one Missionary service since the Bishop's last visit. The Rev. H. C. Harris performed the service, and a collection was made to pay his expenses and the amount handed to him. I have had a Lay reading every Sunday morning during the year, except when prevented by rain or sickness. We have paid eleven dollars on account of the assessment for support of the Episcopate, I have collected a few dollars more, and will try to obtain the balance and forward it as soon as practicable. No families make any stated contribution toward the Bishop's fund. The only way in which it can be obtained is, here a little and there a little.

THOS. O. DEAS.

Lay Reader.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH—NEAR SHUQUALAK, NOXUBEE COUNTY.

Individuals, 20; Communicants, 19.

Contributions—Minister's support, \$3; Bishop's salary, \$17; Contingent expenses, \$2 50; Diocesan Missions, \$7 05.

WAHALAK STATION.

Families, 3; Individuals, 6; Communicants, 4; Added, 3; Removed, 1;) Confirmations, 2.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$4; Diocesan Missions, \$4 10; Minister's Support, \$5.

SCOOBA—KEMPER COUNTY.

Families, 4; Individuals, 9; Communicants, (Added, 1; Removed, 1) 6; Confirmations, 1; Funerals, 2.

Contributions—Communion Alms, \$8; Minister's Support, \$5; Contingent Expenses, \$20; Diocesan Missions, \$7 75.

Repeated visits to this Mission and regular appointed public services.

DEKALB—KEMPER COUNTY.

Families, 9; Individuals, 15; Communicants, (Died, 1; Removed, 1,) 6.

Contributions—Diocesan Missions, \$2 55.

Four appointments and three public services.

LAUDERDALE—LAUDERDALE COUNTY.

Families, 3; Individuals, 10; Communicants, 3; Baptisms, (Infant, 1;) 1.

Contributions—Minister's Support, \$5.

Repeated visits, and two public and one private service.

QUITMAN—CLARKE COUNTY.

Families, 3; Individuals, 8; Communicants, (Added, 24;) Baptisms, (Adult, 1; Infants, 2; Colored Infants, 2;) 5.

Two visits, one public service with Bishop.

STATE LINE.

Families, 3; Individuals, 8; Communicants, 5; Baptisms, (Infant, 1).
Several visitations, two private services.

G. W. STICKNEY.

SARDIS, MISS., April 20th, 1871.

Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D., reports his Missionary services at Como and Sardis three months past, (including Bishop Green's):

Baptisms, (Adults, 8; Infants, 17;)—25; Confirmed, (in Como, 6; in Sardis, 6;)—12.

Number of Communicants in the Mission is about 19; number of of Services, (in Como, 10; in Sardis, 9;)—19.

Amount subscribed for a Church in Como to this date is \$1100; In Sardis Church, (Lot 60 by 116 feet is paid for, \$125;) I have also attended one Burial.

At Como our Congregation is increasing.

W. MITCHELL.

The Secretary of the Central Convocation respectfully reports to the Council, that during the past year, Missionary services have been held under the auspices of the Convocation at Clinton, Terry, Crystal Springs, Hazlehurst, Beauregard, Brookhaven, and Madison Station.

Five Infants and one Adult have been Baptized; Twelve persons are awaiting Confirmation and a Parish is about to be organized.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,

Secretary and Treasurer, Central Convocation.

APPENDIX A.

Annual Address.

BELOVED BRETHREN :

Another revolution of time brings us together for a review of our labors, and for the devising of such measures as will help us in our future work. If it is not allowed to each one of us to rejoice in the fullness of God's blessing, I hope that none can complain that He has been entirely wanting to their prayers and their labors for His name's sake. We meet, thank God, with an undiminished number on our Clerical list; for it has pleased Him that our little band should not long mourn the vacant places left at their sides. Those who have gone from us to other and more inviting fields of labor, we follow with our blessing and our prayers. But there is one gone beyond the reach of prayer, and whom we can honor only with our tears. At the head of our last year's List of Clergy stood the name of WM. H. BURTON. It is now enrolled among those, who, having been "faithful over few things," have "entered into the joy of their Lord. One of the earliest acts of my Ministry was to impress on his infant brow, the Holy Sign of our Saviour; and well and manfully did he, from childhood to mature age, fight under that banner. A more gentle and loving spirit I have never known. Indeed such was the unassuming and retiring nature of his disposition, that it concealed from all but his most intimate acquaintances, the real force of his character. The uniform meekness and gentleness of his demeanor, was not for the want of what the world calls "spirit," but from a natural sweetness of temper, rendered more lovely by the subduing influences of a higher and supernatural power. It is but a few days since I was in the midst of the two Congregations to which he last ministered, and it warmed my heart to hear on every side, the words of love and praise with which his name was spoken. Let us be thankful, Brethren, for so lovely an example of what the Christian and the Clergyman ought to be, and let us labor more earnestly to attain the spirit that was in Christ, and at last give our account to Him with joy.

I will begin the record of the transactions of the past year, with the thankful acknowledgment of the reception, during the session of our last Council of a Pastoral Staff, at the hands of my Clergy. A more appropriate or acceptable offering could not well have been made. It was accompanied by a too partial reference to my past labors; but I endeavored to receive it rather as a reminder of my high obligations, and an incitement to renewed devotion to the duties of

my holy calling. To a Christian Bishop approaching the termination of his labors, there can be nothing more gratifying and inviting, than the love and approbation of those who are faithfully laboring at his side. As they best know his weaknesses, so is a word of their approval next in comfort and encouragement to the testimony of his own conscience. God grant, that the mutual confidence and affection which have hitherto reigned unbroken between me and my Clergy, ay, and my people too, may never know any change but that of increase.

Before the adjournment of the Council I confirmed *seven* persons, one of them in private.

Sunday, May 1st, I admitted to the Priesthood, Rev. Messrs. David S. Goodloe and Wallace Carnahan, Deacons.

Tuesday, 3d, preached at Terry, confirmed *two*, administered the Holy Communion, and catechised the children; being assisted in the services by Rev. Henry C. Harris.

Wednesday, 4th, At "Crystal Springs," I preached both forenoon and evening in the Methodist Church, kindly tendered for the purpose, and confirmed *three* persons. The next day Rev. Mr. Harris preached, and I administered the Holy Communion. Through the zealous labors of a very few friends, a church building has been commenced on an eligible lot, the gift of Col. Wm. H. Garland.

Saturday, 7th, preached at 11, A. M., in Brookhaven. The time has not yet come for the Church to plant herself in this place, but it is not far distant.

Sunday, 8th, was spent in Summit. Preached at 11, A. M., baptized *one* adult, confirmed *three*, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Harris. The prospects of this little Parish are encouraging. The debt on the Rectory is very nearly paid, and active measures are being taken for the erection of a Church.

Tuesday, 10th, preached in Osyka at 11, A. M., confirmed *two*, and administered the Holy Communion. Mr. Harris preached at night. *One* person was confirmed, and *one* adult, and *two* children baptized.

Friday and Saturday, 13th and 14th, were given to Shieldsboro. On Friday I preached. After a sermon by Mr. Harris.

On Saturday I baptized *two* children, and administered the Holy Communion.

A Sunday School has been established through the zealous exertions of a few young ladies, and promises to be of much service in building up this little Parish. I am not without the hope of finding on my next visit to this place, a neat and becoming church building, erected by the unassisted liberality of a generous friend of the church.

Sunday, 15th, At Pass Christian, after catechising and addressing the children of the Sunday School, I preached and confirmed *nine* persons. Mr. Harris preached in the afternoon. The next day was spent in visiting from house to house.

Tuesday 17th, rode to Mississippi City, but did not officiate in any way, as no notice had been received of my coming, and there was no time for getting the people together.

Wednesday, 18th, on my return to Pass Christian, I baptized *five* colored children in private.

Friday, 20th, in Christ's Church, Vicksburg, I baptized a young man from one of the denominations, and afterwards confirmed him, preparatory to his admission as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

Sunday, 22d. On Lake Washington, I preached in the house of Mr. Christopher Hampton, as the church was still in the dismantled state, in which a rude soldiery had left it. A sufficient sum for putting it in thorough repair had been subscribed before my arrival.

Tuesday, 24th, I passed up the Lake, visiting several families by the way.

Thursday, 25th, In Washington County I baptized *two* infants.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 27th, 28th and 29th, were given to Greenville. The two former days were spent in visiting. On Sunday I preached both forenoon and evening, and confirmed *eleven* persons. It was really gratifying to me to see the progress made by this young Parish within the past year, and to learn that under the guidance of their zealous Pastor, Rev. Mr. Carnahan, they hope soon to be worshipping in a Temple of their own.

Saturday, June 4th, at Corinth being too unwell to preach, I briefly addressed the friends of the Church on the subject of providing for themselves a Rectory, and procuring the services of a minister without delay. And I was pleased to see the promptness and determination with which they entered at once upon the undertaking. In the afternoon I confirmed *one* person in private, and also baptized *one* adult and *four* children.

Saturday, 5th, I was to have preached at Iuka, but learned, on my arrival, that no notice had been received of my coming. This was the less to be regretted, as from sickness and exhaustion, I was unable to officiate as usual. I had the gratification, however, of meeting most of the friends of the Church in private, and of exhorting them not to be discouraged in their attempt to erect a Church and obtain the services of a Minister.

Monday, 6th, I reached my family, after a visitation of more than three months, and greatly in need of rest.

Sunday, July 5th, Preached in the Chapel of the University of the South.

Sunday, 10th, In the same Chapel I confirmed *three* of the pupils of the University, who were from my Diocese. And I am happy to add, as an evidence of the religious influence exerted upon the youths at that Institution, that on the same occasion more than twenty others from several Dioceses were confirmed by their respective Bishops.

Friday, August 12th. In St. Augustine's Chapel, University of the South, I gave authoritative baptism to *four* persons who had previously been baptized, in form, by unordained hands, and admitted an infant into covenant with God by the same holy rite. At the same time, the *four* just baptized renewed their vows and promises in receiving the laying on of hands.

Sunday, 14th. In the absence of the Bishop of Tennessee, and at his request, I preached in three of the Churches of Nashville, and confirmed *eleven* persons.

Thursday, 18th. Transferred the Rev. James D. Gibson, by "Letters Dimissory," to the Diocese of "Down and Connor," in Ireland.

Friday, September 30th, set out on my Fall visitation.

Saturday, October 1st, Preached in Iuka, both forenoon and at night, assisted by Rev. Henry C. Harris, who gives occasional services to this place. The congregations on both occasions were small, on account of the rain; and several who would have been confirmed were for the same reason kept away.

Sunday, October 2d, was given to Corinth, where I was met by my Rt. Rev. Brother the Bishop of Texas, who kindly preached for me in the forenoon; at which time I baptized *eight* adults, and confirmed *twelve* persons. At 7½ o'clock, P. M., I preached, and confirmed *one* more. Rev. Mr. Harris has but recently removed to this place, but already are there fruits to reward the zeal and faithfulness of his labors.

Monday, 3d, Preached at Tupelo at 7, P. M., in a Presbyterian Church, kindly tendered for my use. This was my first visit to this place. There are here three or four families attached to the Church, and Mr. Harris has already officiated for them.

Wednesday, 5th. At Pontotoc Mr. Harris preached in the forenoon, and I at night. *Two* children were baptized by me, and *eight* persons confirmed. I afterwards administered baptism to *one* adult in private. It was highly gratifying to me to see in this pastorless little flock such an appreciation of the Church and her services. Owing to their distance from any other congregation it has been difficult for some years past to furnish them with any other services than what have been afforded by my annual visitations. Mr. Harris has consented to visit them as often as his other engagements will permit.

Thursday, 6th, Preached in Okolona at 7, P. M., and again the next day in the forenoon. This Congregation I was sorry to find in a depressed condition, on account of the removal of a number of its members, and its long want of regular ministrations.

The 8th, 9th and 10th were given to Aberdeen. *Saturday and Monday* were spent in visiting all the families of the Parish. On *Sunday* (the 9th) I preached both forenoon and afternoon, assisted in the services by the Rev. Mr. Stickney, and the Rector, Mr. Clark. At the request of the Rector, I baptized his first-born infant, and also *one* adult of his Congregation. *Three* persons were confirmed.

Monday, 10th. Preached in the evening at West point. This, I believe, is the first time that our services were ever witnessed in this place; and yet, on account of both its present and growing population, and their general intelligence, it ought long since to have formed a field for missionary labor. The following morning I baptized the infant of an old friend before leaving the neighborhood, and on my way to Columbus, visited several families.

October 12th, 13th and 14th was given to Columbus. Preached on the evening of the 12th, and at 11, A. M., on the 13th, assisted in the services by the Rector, Rev. Wm. Tucker. On the latter occasion I baptized and confirmed *one* adult, and baptized *one* infant also. This Parish has long suffered from the want of a Rectory, occasioning, as it has, a frequent change of Pastors, or else compelling them, from want of adequate support, to give more or less attention to secular pursuits.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 15th, 16th and 17th were spent in Macon, where I was truly gratified at finding that a very neat and beautiful Church had been erected since my last visit, nine months ago. Although not ready for consecration, it was so near completion as to afford every facility for our services. On *Saturday* I was pleased at the opportunity of uniting with the citizens of the place in paying due honor to the memory of that great and good man, GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE, whose funeral rites were appointed for that day. At the re-

quest of the town authorities, these memorial services were performed in our Church, and an address was delivered by me on the occasion. I also preached in the evening. The next day (Sunday, 16th) I catechized the children, preached, confirmed *five*, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I preached again; and the next day confirmed *one* person in private. In these services I was assisted by the Rev. G. W. Stickney, who has faithfully devoted one-fourth of his labors to this little flock during the last seven months.

Tuesday, 18th. Preached at the Church of the Messiah, and confirmed *one* person. This little flock—never strong, in either wealth or numbers—has suffered greatly in both respects through the results of the late war.

Wednesday, 19th. At Wahalak I preached, or rather delivered a lecture, on the distinguishing features of the Church, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *two* persons.

Thursday, 20th, I preached at Scooba, confirmed *one* person, and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, 21st. At DeKalb I preached in the forenoon, and returned to Scooba in the afternoon.

Saturday, 22d. At Lauderdale Station I preached, or rather explained, to a promiscuous congregation, the several important points on which our Church differs from the several denominations by which she is surrounded.

Sunday, 23d. Preached at Meridian, in the court house, and baptised *one* infant. In the afternoon preached again. The next day baptized another infant in private.

Tuesday, 25th. At Enterprise I preached in the Presbyterian Church, kindly extended, this time, as before, for our services. This little flock, so long without regular ministrations, has been kept alive, and held together, chiefly through the labors of one of their members as a Lay-Reader, whom I hope soon to admit into the Order of Perpetual Deacons.

Wednesday, 26th. Preached at Quitman; baptised *one* adult, and confirmed *two*. My discourse here, as at Wahalak and Lauderdale, was on the Faith and Order of our Church, and was attentively heard by a congregation composed almost altogether of entire strangers to our worship. At night I baptized in private *two* colored children.

Thursday, 27th. Reached "State Line," and under the roof of my aged friend and Brother, Col. George S. Gaines; administered the Holy Communion to him and his household.

In all my labors, from Aberdeen to this point, I was materially assisted by the Rev. Mr. Stickney, who, for the last six months, has been zealously ministering to a number of places along the line of this Railroad.

My next appointment was at Brandon, where I was met by Rev. Mr. Sansom, and Rev. Messrs. Stickney, Carnahan and Gunn, in addition to Rev. Dr. Christian, the Rector, for the purpose of assisting in the consecration of the truly beautiful Church just erected in that place. Dr. Sansom preached on Saturday evening, and the next morning (Sunday, 29th) the Consecration Sermon was preached by myself, in place of the Rev. Mr. Green, who had been appointed or the purpose, but was unavoidably absent.

The building thus solemnly dedicated to the service of Almighty God is one

that might creditably adorn any of our larger cities, and certainly reflects the highest credit on a congregation as yet small in number, and by no means abounding in wealth.

November, 1st and 2d, were spent in Jackson, where I expected to hold an Ordination service, but on account of the unfinished state of the Church, deferred it until my visit to Canton on the following Sunday. Whilst in Jackson I gave Letters Dimissory to the Rev. Alexander F. Samuels, transferring him to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Missouri.

Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th, I gave to the Chapel of the Cross. The former day was given to the examination of Henry Forrester, a candidate for Deacon's Orders, in which I was assisted by Rev. Messrs. Carnahan and George C. Harris. On Saturday I preached to a small congregation. During my stay it was a pleasure to me to address the pupils of Mr. Harris' school, and set before them the advantages which they enjoyed in having such good instructors, and such opportunities for spiritual improvement.

Sunday, 6th. I preached in Canton, and admitted Henry Forrester to the Order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Carnahan, who, together with Rev. Mr. Green, Rector of the Church, assisted in the services of the occasion. At night Mr. Carnahan preached, and I confirmed *one* person.

My next appointment was for Kirkwood, but for good reasons I postponed my visit until the spring, thus giving myself a day or two of rest under the roof of one of my sons.

Thursday, 10th, I preached in Lexington at 7 p. m., and again the next day, both in the forenoon and night.

Saturday, 12th, Preached at Acona, baptized *two* infants and confirmed *two* persons. In this neighborhood the Rev. Mr. Halstead, by his zealous labors, has succeeded in exciting considerable interest in behalf of the Church.

Sunday, 13th, I preached at Calvary Church to a crowded congregation, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *nine* persons. I was assisted here, as on the preceding day, by Rev. Messrs. Halstead and Forrester.

Monday, 14th. At Buka, the residence of Mr. Robert Eggleston, I gave to *two* sisters the laying-on-of-hands.

Wednesday, 16th, I preached at Vaiden. And the next day preached again, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I baptized, in private, *one* adult and *one* infant.

Sunday, 20th. At Carrollton I preached in the forenoon, and Mr. Forrester in the evening. Since the removal of the Rev. Dr. Samuels from the Diocese, the services of the Church, and the labors of the Sunday School, have here been zealously kept up by Dr. Wm. M. Stansbury, who suffers no opposition or discouragements to repress his zeal or lessen his labors. A Missionary, or stated Pastor, is much wanted here to build upon the foundation laid by the faithful labors of Rev. Mr. Samuels.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 22d and 23d. In Grenada I preached, and confirmed *six* persons; and in the afternoon, baptized and confirmed *one* adult in private. After service at night, rode eight miles to administer the Holy Communion to a dying member of the Church. After which I administered baptism, at her bedside, to her husband and newly born infant.

Thursday, 21st, Preached in Coffeerville in the evening; and next morning baptized *two* children in private.

Saturday and Sunday, 26th and 27th, were spent in Water Valley—preached both days. On the 26th baptized *one* adult and *three* children. On Sunday, 27th, confirmed *four*, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I baptized *one* adult in private, and preached again. I cannot but commend the zeal of this little congregation. With but a small measure of wealth among them, they have purchased an eligible site for a Church, and are actively engaged in collecting the means for its erection.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 28th, 29th and 30th, were given to Oxford. On Tuesday Rev. Mr. Carnahan preached, and I baptized *one* adult. The next day I preached, confirmed *five*, and administered the Holy Communion.

December 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th were spent in Holly Springs. I preached three times and Mr. Carnahan twice, and the Holy Communion was administered. I was grieved to see the feeble condition of the Rev. Mr. Pickett, whose health would admit of his taking only a small portion of one of the services. The congregation is slowly recovering from the ruinous effects of the late war.

Tuesday, 6th, Preached at Lamar, and confirmed *six* persons.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9th, 10th and 11th, I spent in Yazoo City. On Saturday baptized *one* infant in private, preached in the evening, and afterwards confirmed *two* persons in private. On Sunday I preached in the forenoon, confirmed *seven* persons, and preached again at night. I pray God to bless the exertions of this little flock and their zealous Pastor in the good work of rebuilding their Church.

December 12th, preached in Satartia, and spent the three following days in the neighborhood under the roof of a beloved friend and sister, in whose yard there still stands a Chapel, once crowded with her well instructed servants, now scattered over the land, left to their own guidance, and worse than all, fast coming under the influence of a religious teaching as blasphemous as it is unscriptural. Before I left the house, I baptized *three* colored children, a remnant of her former, faithful and affectionate household.

In Vicksburg I remained from the 16th to the 22d, visiting the several families of the two congregations. On Sunday, 18th, preached in Christ Church. On Monday gave letters dimissory to the Rev. David S. Goodloe.

Thursday 22d, preached at Bovina, assisted in the services by Rev. Dr. Sansom and Rev. Mr. Fox, the Rector. A neat little building has been erected on the ruins of their former beautiful Church, but it was not yet ready for consecration.

On the 23d I returned to Vicksburg, continuing my visits, preaching and administering the Holy Communion in the Chapel of Holy Trinity, on Christmas day, in the forenoon, and preaching in Christ's Church at night, where *ten* was confirmed. I was no little gratified at seeing the prosperous condition of both of these Parishes;—the one proceeding with a steady and wholesome growth, the other fast filling up with a zealous congregation, and rejoicing together at the prospect of ere long occupying the costly and magnificent building which they have undertaken, and which, when finished, will be unsurpassed by any like undertaking in the South-West.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 27th, at the special request of Rev. Dr. Sansom, I attended the Christmas Tree Festival, furnished by the congregation to

the children of the Sunday School, in which the teachers and pupils of the Parish School took part. Amid the unrestrained rejoicings of that youthful assembly, I was struck with the general order that prevailed, and the evident success with which the children, even the youngest, had been trained in the music of the Church. This last feature, I was pleased to notice, also, in my visit to the Parish School,—a school but recently put into operation through the untiring labors of the Rector and the generous contribution of the congregation—already numbering more than a hundred pupils, and by its good management and religious instruction, promising to be a fruitful nursery to the Church.

Wednesday and Thursday, 28th and 29th, were spent at Bolton. I officiated both days; on the one, with four persons in attendance, and on the other, with five. The beginning which the Church has so far made in this place, has been through the untiring labors of two most excellent women—one of whom, to my great regret, has moved away, and the other, was, at this time, confined to her house by sickness. In the few words addressed to the small number present, I encouraged them to hold on to their love for the Church, and look, ere long, for better days.

Friday, 30th, preached at Clinton to a very small congregation.

Sunday, January 1st, 1871, preached in Jackson, and confirmed *seven* persons. It rejoiced my heart to see in so large and beautiful a building the reward, so richly merited, by the untiring exertions of its worthy Rector for the past five years. Though in a condition to be used, it yet needs the help of a few liberal hands to bring it to completion. In the afternoon I baptized *one* infant in private.

Thursday, 5th, preached at Raymond, baptized and confirmed *one* adult, and afterwards addressed the congregation on the duty and importance of doing all in their power towards obtaining the regular ministrations of the Church. After service the next day, I was gratified to learn from the Vestry that they had succeeded in raising a subscription sufficient to secure the services of a missionary two Sundays in each month.

Saturday and Sunday, 7th and 8th, I preached at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove. On Sunday, the Holy Communion was administered, and *one* adult and *one* infant were baptized. I was glad to learn that they had invited Rev. Mr. Douglas to become their Pastor.

Tuesday, 10th, preached at Crystal Springs in the forenoon, and on Wednesday at night, baptizing *one* adult, and confirming *two* persons.

Thursday, 12th, I preached at Terry, baptized *one* adult, confirmed *three*, and administered the Holy Communion.

The next day I returned to Jackson, and on *Sunday, 15th*, admitted James Lytton to the Order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by Rev. Dr. Crane, and the sermon, at my request, preached by Rev. Mr. Douglas. In the afternoon Mr. Lytton preached his first sermon, and *one* person was confirmed.

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Thursday, 18th, I returned to my family, after a visitation of nearly four months.

Sunday, February 12th, at the request of the Bishop of Tennessee, I preached at Winchester, in that Diocese, and confirmed *ten* persons.

Sunday, 19th, I baptized *one* infant in St. Augustine's Chapel, at the University of the South.

March, 7th, commenced my spring visitation.

Thursday, 9th, I preached at Early Grove, and baptized and confirmed *one* person. At night I baptized in private an aged and very worthy couple. On my way, the next day, I was no little gratified by spending some time with one of the first and best beloved parishioners of my early ministry, fifty-one years ago.

Sunday, 12th, I preached in Hernando, baptized *one* adult, and confirmed *four*. I preached, also, in the evening. On both occasions the congregations were large, and I was pleased to find that the departure of their late Rector, Mr. Goodloe, to whom they were greatly attached, had in no way lessened their zeal. I trust that it will not be long before they are again blessed with the ministrations of the Church.

Tuesday, 14th, at Como, I preached, baptized *three* adults and *two* children, and confirmed *six* persons. The following day I baptized in private *three* adults and *three* children. Although there are but few families residing in this place, it is surrounded by a highly intelligent population, and is the centre of trade to a large extent of fertile country. A very liberal friend has made the offer of a lot large enough for both a Church and Rectory, and I am not without the hope of finding a suitable Temple erected upon it when I next visit the place.

My next appointment was for Sardis, six miles lower down the Railroad, where I was compelled to remain from the 15th to the 20th, by the broken condition of the road, caused by unprecedented rains. During my five days stay, I preached four times, baptized *six* children and *four* adults, and confirmed *six* persons, and before my departure was pleased to know that a lot, every way suited for a Church, had been secured for that purpose. I here thankfully acknowledge the kindness of our Presbyterian brethren in the repeated offer of their house of worship for our services. I know of no finer field for Missionary labor than that presented by this place and Como, and I was glad to find the Rev. Wm. Mitchell, from Diocese of Tennessee, had been officiating for some time at both places.

I was, by appointment, to have been in Panola on the 17th, and Charleston, Tallahatchie county, on Sunday, the 19th, but was compelled, by the breaking of the road, to forego my visit to both places. This was a real disappointment to me, especially with regard to the latter place, where a few zealous members of the Church were anxiously awaiting my coming, and desiring that their friends and neighbors might thus be made acquainted with our services.

Tuesday, 21st, I held services for the first time in the new Church in Grenada. Though not finished, it may be used with comfort in its present state; and even in its incomplete condition reflects the highest praise on the friends and members of that yet infant congregation. It will, no doubt, be ready for consecration on my first visit in the fall. I preached, both forenoon and evening, baptized *one* adult, and confirmed *six*. After evening service, in private, I gave the baptism of the Church to *two* persons, who were justly dissatisfied with that which they had previously received at sectarian hands. A minister is much wanted here to fill the place of Rev. Mr. Goodloe, who, during his short stay, had endeared himself to all his flock.

Thursday, 23d, preached at Kirkwood, and confirmed *one* white and *two* colored persons.

Sunday 26th, at Canton I preached, and confirmed *nine* persons.

Monday, 27th, in Jackson I confirmed *one* person, being in *extremis*.

Tuesday, 28th, I preached in Brandon.

Wednesday, 29th, preached in Jackson, and confirmed *one* person. After service I confirmed *one* other in private.

Thursday, 30th, in Clinton I baptized *two* children in private.

Friday, 31st, at Bovina, Rev. Dr. Sansom preached at my request, and *two* persons were confirmed.

Sunday, April 2d, was spent in Vicksburg. In the forenoon I preached in Christ's Church, confirming *eleven* persons, and at the "Church of the Holy Trinity," in the evening, I administered the same Apostolic rite to *fifteen* others, having the day previous confirmed *two* of the same Parish in private. It was gratifying to me to meet two such large congregations, and to see signs of growth and prosperity in both Parishes.

Monday, 3d, I baptized, in private, *one* person, and confirmed *another*.

Tuesday, 4th, I preached in the Chapel of the Holy Communion, in Warren county, to a congregation composed altogether of blacks.

Wednesday, 5th, preached at Grand Gulf in a school-room, kindly furnished for the occasion. The congregation showed by their interest in the services how welcome was the Word of God to a people who had by fire, and flood, and the ravages of war been compelled to forsake the assembling of themselves together through the loss of their only house of worship.

Good Friday, 7th, I preached in Port Gibson, on my way to Epiphany Parish.

Saturday, 6th, preached at Epiphany, baptized *one* infant, and confirmed *one* person.

Easter Sunday, 9th was spent in Port Gibson. In addition to preaching and administering the Holy Communion, I confirmed *eight* persons in the Church, and afterwards *one* other in private.

Being kindly invited by the authorities of "Oakland College," I preached in the Chapel of that Institution to a highly intelligent congregation on Tuesday, the 11th. I was grieved to see that the hand of war had fallen so heavily on an Institution so favorably situated and once so prosperous. Gladly would I unite with its best friends in wishing it a return of better days.

Wednesday, 12th, preached at Rodney in the Presbyterian Church, kindly tendered for my use, baptized *three* children, and administered the Holy Communion. The hope of the friends of the Church in this place have met with a temporary check in the death of one of its most exemplary and active members, and the removal of another.

Sunday, 16th, preached in Woodville, both forenoon and evening, confirmed *six* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. Rev. Mr. Bakewell, of Louisiana, preached in the afternoon, and, together with Rev. Mr. Lytton, assisted in the services. It is but three months since Mr. Lytton entered upon the charge of this Parish, and already are seen signs of improvement and progress which gladden my heart.

My next and last appointment was for Church Hill, where I spent four days. After visiting many of the families of the congregation, I preached on Saturday, the 22d, and baptized *three* colored children in the Church, and afterwards *one* other in private. Sunday, 23d, I preached again, confirmed *one* colored person, and administered the Holy Communion. At the close of the services I committed to the ground the remains of a former member of the congregation, which had been brought from a distance to be placed under the shadow of the Church which she loved, and in whose songs of praise she had once borne a conspicuous part.

Thus end the labors of another year, during which I have had much to be thankful for, but, I fear, still more to be forgiven.

I have baptized *forty-eight* adults, and *sixty-two* children, of whom fourteen were colored.

Two hundred and thirty-three have been confirmed, of whom four only were colored.

Three of our candidates for Orders, Richard W. Micou, Henry Forrester, and James P. Lytton have been admitted to Deacon's Orders. Two Deacons, Rev. David S. Goodloe and Rev. Wallace Carnahan have been raised to the Priesthood. One Presbyter, Rev. Wm. H. Burton, has deceased. Three have been transferred to other Dioceses, viz: Rev. James D. Gibson, to New Jersey, Rev. Alexander F. Samuels, to Missouri, and Rev. David S. Goodloe, to Kentucky. To make up for these losses, the Rev. Messrs. Forrester and Lytton have come upon our clerical list, and Rev. Wm. Mitchell and Rev. L. L. Lurton, M. D., have been received from the Diocese of Tennessee.

Of the eleven candidates for Orders on our last year's list, two, Messrs. Micou and Lytton have been ordained; one, A. Hannum has, with my approval, withdrawn; and another, Edwin J. K. Lessel, has been transferred to the Diocese of New York.

The following names have been added, viz: Wm. B. Cooper and Stephen H. Granberry, (now pursuing their studies at Nashotah,) R. Hylton Prosser, John D. H. Browne, and Samuel W. E. Pegues.

The entire list consists of the following: Henry N. McKinney, Isaac N. Lawson, Heber O. Crane, Stephen H. Green, Duncan Savage, Wm. H. Trezevant, James H. Flewellyn, Wm. Barnes Cooper, Stephen H. Granberry, R. Hylton Prosser, John D. H. Browne, and Samuel W. E. Pegues.

One Church only has been consecrated, but six others, viz., at Jackson, Greenville, Grenada, Macon, Crystal Springs, and Bovina, are so near completion as to admit of being used for services.

One Parish has been organized, but not reported to this Council.

The following presents a view of the changes among our Clergy, and their present position.

The Rev. Wm. H. Burton has gone to receive the "well done" of the Master whom he so faithfully served, and to whom he was so like in meekness and gentleness of spirit. Rev. Wallace Carnahan has removed from Greenville to Oxford, where he is laboring with good success. Rev. Ambrose W. Clark, I grieve to say, is disabled by disease from performing any functions of the Ministry. Rev. William K. Douglas has removed from Early Grove to take charge of Dry Grove and Raymond. Rev. Henry C. Harris has been put in charge of all the Missionary ground on the eastern border of the Diocese. Rev. David G. Gunn has gone to the General Theological Seminary to seek a more thorough preparation for Priest's Orders than could be obtained at home. Rev. L. L. Lurton, M. D., has been received from the Diocese of Tennessee, and is in charge of the Missionary field embracing Bay of St. Louis, Mississippi City, and Biloxi. Rev. Henry Forrester was transferred from the Diocese of Tennessee as a candidate for Orders, has been admitted to the Diaconate, and is settled at Summit, with that and several adjoining places under his charge. Rev. Wm. Mitchell, from the Diocese of Tennessee, is ministering at Como and Sardis, in Panola county. Rev. George W. Suckney is now Rector of St. James' Church, Greenville. The

Rev. James P. Lytton, a graduate of Berkley Divinity School, was ordained by me in January, and is in charge of St. Paul's Parish, Woodville.

I have again to acknowledge, and I do it with heartfelt gratitude, the help that I continue to receive from the "Domestic Missionary Society," and the "Society for the Increase of the Ministry." Without their aid I would be compelled to withdraw from most of my candidates for Orders, and from a number of my Clergy, no small portion of their already limited support. Would to God that our people were in a condition to contribute their full share to the Treasuries of these noble and praiseworthy Church agencies.

I earnestly recommend to the Council to devise some means for increasing the contributions to our Diocesan Missions. Independently of the allowance granted to me for that object, by the Domestic Missionary Society, the sum collected at my annual visitations to the several Parishes is truly small. My Brethren of the Clergy must allow me once more to call their attention to this subject, and to urge upon them the duty of obtaining from their people quarterly contributions, as required of them by repeated resolutions of our Councils. It is much to be regretted that the plan of weekly Mite contributions, set on foot two years ago, has not been carried out. That it would have brought a bountiful supply for all our Missionaries, and enabled us, ere this, to double their number, will appear from the single fact, that in one of our Parishes, scarcely of medium size, the amount thus obtained is nearly seven hundred dollars. A systematic contribution of this kind might well be carried on in every Parish, without seriously affecting the interests of any similar work for the Church, and would, in all likelihood yield a much larger amount than could be obtained from quarterly collections.

The recent death of one of our Clergy, and the fact of his having left a family behind him, together with the additional fact that there are amongst us two other families in like circumstances, may well suggest to us the propriety of devising some means for raising a fund, the interest of which might go towards relieving the necessities of those who have such high claims upon our loving remembrance. In a neighboring Diocese a fund for such a purpose has been for some years in operation, and is yearly carrying to the widow and the orphan a help for which they might elsewhere look in vain. It may not be advisable for us, in our present circumstances, to enter upon such a work, but it is one that may well engage our thoughts, until a more propitious time for action.

The Council will bear in mind that in our last General Convention it was proposed by a constitutional majority of both Houses to make certain alterations in the Constitution of the Church with regard to the formation of new Dioceses. These proposed alterations it will now be our duty to consider, and I therefore lay them upon the Secretary's table.

It will also be remembered by you, Brethren, that at our last General Convention a memorial was presented from several Dioceses in relation to the unauthorized changes that have been made in the Nicene Creed since its adoption in the 4th century, and its subsequent ratification by Canonical Councils. It is now proposed through the action of a Pan-Anglican Synod to restore that "Form of sound words" to its original integrity. As the action of such a Synod can most properly be obtained through the previous recommendation of our General and Diocesan Conventions, it remains for this Council to take such action, if any, with regard to it as it may see fit. I herewith lay before you a copy of the Creed as set forth by undisputed General Councils.

I beg leave also, brethren, to present to your consideration a communication addressed to me some months ago, but received too late to be at that time acknowledged. It is in relation to the recent Vatican Council, falsely styled Ecumenical, and is signed by a number of the Bishops and high dignitaries of the Church of England. It is in substance a solemn protest and declaration against the Ecumenical character of that Council, its unscriptural dogmas, and its exclusive claims to Catholicity. As the doings of that Council are of a nature to interest, and measurably affect the whole christian world, it may well be considered by us whether as an integral part of the Church Catholic it is not our duty as a Diocese to join our Mother Church of England in lifting our voice against the uncatholic claims of that Council, and especially the impious attribute of personal Infallibility with which it has invested the Bishop of Rome.

I have received from the Rev. Wm. Stevens Perry, Deputy Registrar of the General Convention, an earnest request that he might be furnished with a copy of our Diocesan Journals for the years 1825 to 1836, inclusive; also for 1838, 1845, 1846 and 1847. This is a request which each one of us should cheerfully grant, inasmuch as that Rev. Brother is engaged in the useful and praiseworthy work of collecting materials for the history of the Church in each and all of its Dioceses.

I have thus set before you, Brethren, an account of my year's labors, and presented for your consideration several matters which may call for action during our present Council. I will only add one word on the subject of my future residence. Though unwilling to admit that I have ever resided out of my Diocese any further than my own necessities and the impoverished condition of my people have demanded, I see that the time has come when, without waiting for the rebuilding of my former residence, I should accept such accommodations in the midst of my people as their good will may provide. For the present, therefore, and until a fixed residence shall be provided, my home will be in Canton, and under the roof of my son.

Praying that the spirit of Love and of Wisdom may preside in our Council, and order all our doings to the glory of God and the good of his Church, I remain,

Your loving Pastor under Christ,

W. M. GREEN.

APPENDIX B.

DUNCAN C. GREEN, Treasurer, In Account with the Council, Dr.

1870			
April 27	Balance from last year		\$8 00
" "	By cash from	Trinity Church, Natchez	45 00
" "	" "	St. Paul's Church, Woodville	4 50
" "	" "	St. Luke's Church, Brandon	12 00
" "	" "	Epiphany Church, Clalborne county	5 00
" "	" "	Church of the Mediator, Meridian	5 00
" "	" "	Church of the Messiah, Shuqualak	5 00
" "	" "	Chapel of the Holy Communion, Warren Co	3 00
" "	" "	Grace Chapel, Grenada	5 00
" 28	" "	St. John's Church, Aberdeen	12 00
" "	" "	St. Peter's Church, Oxford	12 00
" "	" "	Church of the Ascension, Hernando	5 00
" "	" "	St. James' Church, Port Gibson, and St. Paul's Church, Grand Gulf	8 00
" "	" "	St. Albans' Church, Bovina	8 00
" "	" "	Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove	5 00
" 29	" "	Special contribution by Lay Delegates	7 90
May 10	" "	Christ Church, Summit	10 00
June 1	" "	Christ Church, Vicksburg	40 00
" "	" "	Church of the Saviour, Osyka	5 00
" 3	" "	St Stephen's Church, Panola	5 00
" 6	" "	Chapel of the Cross, Madison county	5 00
" "	" "	St. Andrew's Church, Jackson	35 00
" 8	" "	Grace Church, Carrollton	5 00
" "	" "	Calvary Church, Holmes county	10 00
" 11	" "	Trinity Church, Yazoo City	12 00
" 14	" "	St Andrew's Church, Marshall county	5 00
" "	" "	St. John's Church, Errly Grove	5 00
" 26	" "	Christ Church, Holly Springs	20 00
July 3	" "	Christ Church, Church Hill	15 00
" 9	" "	St Paul's Church, Columbus	20 00
" 21	" "	Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry	5 00
Aug't 9	" "	St. Matthew's Church, Clinton	2 00
" 10	" "	Church of the Nativity, Macon	5 00
" 15	" "	Grace Church Canton	15 00

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April 28	Paid Rev. G. W. Stickney balance for publishing Journal of 1868	\$25 00
" "	" Stationery	50
" 29	" Stationery	1 50
May 2	Blank Book and Stationery	2 00
" "	" Stamps	2 00
" "	" Stationery	1 00
" "	Paid Power & Barksdale for Journal	140 00

Appendices.

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June 9	Stamped wrappers.....	\$ 2 20
" "	Express for Journal from Jackson to Canton.....	2 00
" 10	Express and mail to Parishes.....	6 93
" "	Mail.....	1 00
" 20	Paid Power & Barksdale for Journal.....	55 00
July 9	" " " ".....	35 00
Dec. 20	" " " ".....	45 00
1871		
April 24	Stationery.....	2 50
" "	Blank Reports.....	1 50
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	Cash on hand to balance.....	\$323 13
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		\$369 40

The following Parishes have paid nothing on their assessment:

Trinity Church, Pass Christian.

Enterprise Mission

St. Mark's Church, Raymond.

St. John's Church, Lake Washington.

St. Jude's Church, Corinth.

Grace Church, Okolona.

Church of the Advent, Washington county.

St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City.

St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro.

St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,
Treasurer of the Council.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi:

April, 1871: At the last report, April, 1870, the Diocese was in arrear to the Bishop in the sum of \$1,034 69. His salary for the current year, \$3,000, making the sum total of \$4,034 69. There has been paid on account \$2,850 25. This leaves a balance due Bishop \$1,184 44,

NO.	CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	ASSES'D	PAID	AR- REARS	DUE.
1	Christ Church.....	Vicksburg.....	\$350 00	\$350 00	\$.....	\$.....
2	Trinity ".....	Natchez.....	350 00	350 00	.....	.....
3	St. Andrew's ".....	Jackson.....	250 00	250 00	70 15	.....
4	Christ ".....	Holly Springs.....	180 00	150 00	79 00	109 00
5	St. Paul's ".....	Columbus.....	170 00	75 00	.....	95 00
6	Grace ".....	Canton.....	150 00	150 00	.....	.....
7	St. Luke's ".....	Brandon.....	135 00	125 00	.....	10 00
8	Trinity ".....	Yazoo City.....	125 00	125 00	.....	.....
9	St. Peter's ".....	Oxford.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....
10	Christ ".....	Church Hill.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....
11	Church Holy Trinity.....	Vicksburg.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....
12	St. John's Church.....	Aberdeen.....	90 00	72 50	.....	17 50
13	St. Paul's ".....	Woodville.....	80 00	overp'd	56 00	.....
14	Pt. Gibson & G. Gulf.....	.....	75 00	75 00	.....	.....
15	Epiphany.....	Claiborne county.....	70 00	.....	.....	70 00
16	Ch of Holy Comforter.....	Dry Grove.....	60 00	60 00	.....	.....
17	Chapel of the Cross.....	Madison county.....	55 00	55 00	.....	.....
18	Grace Church.....	Carrollton.....	50 00	40 00	.....	10 00
19	Church at.....	Meridian.....	60 00	13 80	.....	46 20
20	St. Philip's Church.....	Kirkwood.....	25 00	15 00	.....	10 00
21	Ascension Church.....	Hernando.....	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
22	Grace Chapel.....	Grenada.....	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
23	Calvary Church.....	Holmes county.....	70 00	37 00	.....	33 00
24	Christ ".....	Summit.....	75 00	39 20	5 00	40 80
25	Church of the Nativity.....	Macon.....	50 00	25 00	20 00	45 00
26	St. Alban's Church.....	Bovina.....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....
27	St. Mark's ".....	Raymond.....	50 00	.....	20 00	70 00
28	Church at.....	Enterprise.....	20 00	11 00	23 50	32 50
29	Church at.....	Shuqualak.....	30 00	17 00	2 00	15 00
30	Church at.....	Terry.....	45 00	30 00	10 00	25 00
31	St. John's Church.....	Lake Washington.....	50 00	.....	.....	50 00
32	St. Andrew's ".....	Marshall county.....	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
33	St. John's ".....	Early Grove.....	40 00	30 00	.....	10 00
34	St. Stephen's ".....	Panola.....	25 00	.....	5 00	30 00
35	St. Matthew's ".....	Clinton.....	25 00	.....	.....	25 00
36	St. Jude's ".....	Corinth.....	25 00	.....	.....	25 00
37	Grace ".....	Okolona.....	30 00	.....	5 00	35 00
38	Ch. of Holy Communion.....	Warren county.....	20 00	20 00	.....	.....
39	St. Mark's Church.....	Mississippi City.....	12 00	.....	.....	12 00
40	St. Luke's ".....	Shieldsborough.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	ASSES'D	PAID.	AR- REARS	DUE.
ity Church.....	Pass Christian...	\$100 00	\$50 00	\$...	\$50 00
ity Church.....	Crystal Springs...	10 00			10 00
ionary Stations		50 00	5 00	30 00	75 00
ames' Church.....	Greenville.....	50 00	30 25		19 75
ions at.....	Scocoba.....	50 00			50 00
ch at.....	Water Valley.....	45 00			45 00
ch at.....	Osyka.....	30 00	30 00		
		\$3622 00	\$2610 75		1130 75

has been remitted to this office, and paid the Bishop from the fore-
assessment and arrearages, the sum of \$2,850 25, which leaving a
due to Bishop's salary from said Parishes of \$1,130 75 for the year
led.

ports have been received at this office during the past current year
e following Parishes, to-wit:

ny.....	Claiborne County.
hapel.....	Grenada.
k's.....	Raymond.
ns'.....	Lake Washington.
phen's.....	Panola.
thew's.....	Clinton.
	Okolona.
k's.....	Mississippi City.
e's.....	Shieldsboro.
	Crystal Springs.
at.....	Scocoba.
at.....	Water Valley.

due the Episcopal Fund remain the same as at last Council, and
to \$3,838 28. Considered nearly worthless.

KLEIN, Treasurer,

In Account with Diocese of Mississippi, Dr.

Ascension, Hernando, balance old account.....	\$ 15 00
Grace Chapel, Grenada, balance old account.....	15 00
Church of the Advent, Washington, balance old account..	10 00
Christ Church, Vicksburg, to Bishop's salary.....	59 00
Church of the Saviour, Osyka, paid Bishop's salary.....	30 00
Trinity, Pass Christian, to Bishop's salary.....	50 00
St. Alban's Bovina, to cash.....	15 00
Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, to cash.....	33 70
Trinity Church, Yazoo City, to cash.....	55 50
St. Alban's, Bovina, to cash.....	14 50
Christ Church, Vicksburg, to cash.....	82 00
Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, to cash.....	45 50
Calvary Church, Lexington, paid Bishop.....	37 00
Christ Church, Holly Springs, paid Bishop.....	67 00
St Alban's, Bovina, cash.....	6 50

Mar. 6	Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, cash	\$ 33 00
	Christ Church, Vicksburg, cash	90 70
	St. John's Aberdeen, paid Bishop	16 50
	St. Paul's Church, Columbus, paid Bishop	75 00
	Church of the Nativity, Macon, paid Bishop	25 00
	Church of the Messiah, Shuqualak, paid Bishop	17 00
	Church at DeKalb, paid Bishop	5 00
	Church at Enterprise, paid Bishop	11 00
	Church at Meridian, paid Bishop	13 80
	Church at Brandon, paid Bishop	30 00
	Church at Jackson, paid Bishop	20 00
	Church at Carrollton, paid Bishop	40 00
	Church at Oxford, paid Bishop	50 00
	Church at Early Grove, paid Bishop	15 00
	Church at Yazoo City, paid Bishop	44 15
	Church at Marshall county, paid Bishop	30 00
	Church at Jackson, paid Bishop	33 40
	Church at Kirkwood, paid Bishop	15 00
	Church at Canton, paid Bishop	25 00
	Trinity Church, Natchez, to cash	175 00
	Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, to cash	11 00
	Christ Church, Vicksburg	118 30
	St. Andrew's Church, Jackson	266 75
	St. James' Greenville	13 00
	Chapel Holy Communion, Diamond Place	10 00
	St. John's, Aberdeen	56 00
	St. James', Greenville	17 25
	Christ Church, Holly Springs	83 00
	Grand Gulf and Port Gibson	37 00
	Trinity Church, Natchez	90 00
	St. Peter's Church, Oxford	50 00
	Christ Church, Summit	39 25
	Chapel of the Cross, Madison county	30 00
	Grand Gulf and Port Gibson, cash to Bishop	30 00
	Madison county, " "	25 00
	Early Grove, " "	15 00
	Diamond Place " "	10 00
	Woodville " "	100 00
	Washington " "	6 00
	Church of the Messiah " "	17 50
	Dry Grove " "	60 00
	Brandon " "	30 00
	Brandon " "	65 00
	Canton, cash paid	125 00
	Grenada " "	30 00
	Church Hill " "	100 00
	Terry " "	30 00
	Natchez " "	85 00
	Bovina " "	14 00
		\$2,864 25
	Treasurer due to balance	\$ 15 00
	Due the Bishop prior to this year	1034 69
	Salary due Bishop for current year	3000 00
		\$4034 69
	10 per cent. interest one year on \$1,044 69	103 46
	Amount paid on the same	2350 25
		\$1289 90
	Balance due Bishop this day	\$1289 90

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J. A. KLEIN, Treasurer,

In Account with Diocese of Mississippi, Cr.

May 1	Cash due to balance.....	\$ 114 00
Aug. 1	Cash paid Bishop.....	500 00
	Osyka paid Bishop.....	30 00
	Pass Christian.....	50 00
Oct. 5	Cash paid to Bishop.....	300 00
	Lexington to Bishop.....	37 00
Dec. 28	Cash " ".....	500 00
	Holly Springs " ".....	67 00
	Aberdeen " ".....	16 50
	Columbus " ".....	75 00
	Macon " ".....	25 00
	Shuqualak " ".....	17 00
	DeKalb " ".....	5 00
	Enterprise " ".....	11 00
	Meridian " ".....	13 80
	Jackson " ".....	20 00
	Carrollton " ".....	40 00
	Oxford " ".....	50 00
	Early Grove " ".....	15 00
	Marshall " ".....	30 00
	Yazoo City " ".....	44 15
	Jackson " ".....	33 40
	Canton " ".....	25 00
	Kirkwood " ".....	15 00
	Brandon " ".....	30 00
	Port Gibson " ".....	30 00
	Madison Co. " ".....	25 00
	Early Grove " ".....	15 00
	Diamond Place " ".....	10 00
	Woodville " ".....	100 00
	Washington " ".....	6 00
	Church of the Messiah, to Bishop.....	17 50
	Dry Grove, to Bishop.....	60 00
	Brandon " ".....	30 00
	Yazoo City " ".....	26 00
	Cash to Bishop.....	465 90
	Due to balance.....	15 00

\$2864 25

Your Treasurer would most earnestly and respectfully request that Rectors of delinquent Parishes remit as soon as possible the amount due Bishop's salary, and that during the current year, the assessment to Bishop's salary be either paid to him or remitted to this office quarterly without default. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. KLEIN,
Treasurer.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi :

The following report of the proceedings of the Committee for the past year is respectfully submitted :

1870.

April 29.—The Committee met at St. Andrew's Rectory, Jackson. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. Dr. Sansom, Rev. G. C. Harris, and Mr. G. D. Sidway, and Dr. Wm. T. Balfour.
On motion, the Rev. Dr. Crane was re-elected Chairman, and Rev. Dr. Sansom was elected Secretary.

Testimonials recommending Heber O. Crane, Arnold Hannum, and James H. Flewellyn, to be received as candidates for Holy Orders, were signed.

April 30.—The Committee met at St. Andrew's Rectory, Jackson. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. Dr. Sansom, Rev. G. C. Harris, and Mr. G. D. Sidway.

The canonical testimonials recommending the Rev. Wallace Carnahan and the Rev. David S. Goodloe to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Priests, and Mr. Arnold Hannum to the Sacred Order of Deacons, were signed.

May 24.—The Committee met at Vicksburg. Present, the Rev. Messrs. Crane, and Sansom, and Dr. Wm. T. Balfour.

The requisite testimonials recommending Stephen H. Granberry and Wm. B. Cooper, as candidates for Holy Orders, were signed.

June 7.—The Committee met at Jackson. Present, the Rev. Dr. Crane, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Sansom, Secretary; and Messrs. Balfour and Sidway.

The canonical testimonials consenting to the consecration of the Rev. Wm. W. Niles to the office of Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire, were signed.

June 27.—The Committee met at Vicksburg.

The canonical testimonials of Wm. H. Trezevant and Edwin J. K. Lessell, recommending them as candidates for Holy Orders, were received and signed.

At the same time the requisite testimonials, recommending R. Hylton Tresser as a suitable candidate for Holy Orders, were signed.

Nov. 1.—The Committee received the requisite papers and signed the canonical testimonials recommending Henry Forrester to be admitted to Deacon's Orders.

Nov. 25.—The Committee met in Jackson. Present, The Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. G. C. Harris, and Mr. G. D. Sidway.

The canonical testimonials recommending John D. H. Browne to be admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders, were signed.

1871.

Jan. 6.—Committee met in Jackson. Present, the Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. G. C. Harris, and Mr. G. D. Sidway.

The requisite papers having been presented to the Committee, the canonical testimonials recommending J. P. Lytton to the Holy Order of Deacons, were signed.

April 1.—Committee met at St. Andrew's Rectory, Jackson. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. G. C. Harris, and Mr. G. D. Sidway.

The requisite testimonials recommending the Rev. James S. Johnston for Priest's Orders, were signed.

April 18.—Committee met in Jackson. Present, Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. G. C. Harris, and Mr. G. D. Sidway. The requisite testimonials, recommending Heber Otey Crane for Deacon's Orders, were signed.

April 27.—The Committee met in Trinity Church, Natchez, and signed the testimonials recommending Samuel W. E. Pegues to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders.

The Committee is gratified to state that, in accordance with the instruction of the last Council, they have made satisfactory arrangements for the Bishop to make his residence, for the present, at Canton, and that the Bishop heartily approves of the arrangement, and will hereafter reside at that point.

H. SANSOM,
Secretary.

Diocesan Missionary Society.

After the evening religious services of the second day's session of the Council, Missionary addresses were delivered by Rev. Wallace Carnahan, Messrs. P. P. Bailey, Jas. A. Brown, R. S. Stith, and Rev. Messrs. Henry C. Harris, Wm. C. Crane, D. D., and Duncan C. Green.

Under the Resolutions on page 29, of the proceedings of the Council, the work of the Missionary Society is to be conducted by Convocations, the officers of the Council being made, by resolution, the officers of the Missionary Society.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,
Sec'y. & Treas'r. Diocesan Missionary Society.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the
Kingdom of Heaven.

THIS PAGE

IS DEDICATED BY THE

Members of the 44th Annual Council

OF THE CHURCH IN THE

DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI.

TO THE BLESSED MEMORY OF

WILLIAM HORACE BURTON,

LATE RECTOR OF

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOODVILLE,

WHO WAS

BORN IN GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

January 18th, 1824,

Ordained a Deacon, Nov. 29th, 1846,

Made a Priest, May, 1850,

"RESTED FROM HIS LABORS" AT

Woodville, Miss., September 8th, 1870.

"Because I live, ye shall live also."

TABULAR STATEMENT

PARISH.	LOCATION.	MINISTER.	Families.	Com'nts.	Sunday School.	
					Tchrs	Pupls
Trinity Church	Natchez	Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D.	100	125	10	80
Christ Church	Church Hill		18	43		
St. Paul's Church	Woodville	Rev. J. P. Lytton	30	53	6	40
Christ Church	Vicksburg	Rev. H. Sansom, D. D.	100	125	20	140
St. Matthew's Church	Clinton			3		
St. Paul's Church	Grand Gulf			23		
St. Mark's Church	Raymond	Rev. W. K. Douglas	15	23	6	30
St. Paul's Church	Columbus	Rev. J. L. Tucker				
Christ Church	Holly Springs	Rev. J. T. Pickett	28	70	9	52
St. Andrew's Church	Jackson	Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D.	90	101	26	249
St. Andrew's Church	Marshall Co.		9	12	5	20
St. John's Church	Pontotoc	Rev. H. C. Harris	15	23		
Epiphany Church	Claiborne Co.	Rev. J. S. Johnston, jr.	11	13		
Trinity Church	Yazoo City	Rev. W. D. Christian		47	5	33
Ch. of the Ascension	Hernando		10	14	4	20
St. John's Church	Aberdeen	Rev. A. W. Clarke	35	43	8	50
Grace Church	Canton	Rev. D. C. Green	40	65	7	40
St. Philip's Church	Kirkwood	Rev. W. Presbury	7	18	2	15
St. Luke's Church	Brandon	Rev. G. C. Harris	14	34	8	50
St. John's Church	L. Washington					
St. James' Church	Port Gibson	Rev. J. S. Johnston, jr.	26	28	2	6
Trinity Church	Pass Christian	Rev. W. E. Phillips				
Chapel of the Cross	Madison Co.	Rev. G. C. Harris	8	11		
St. Peter's Church	Oxford	Rev. W. Carnahan	26	48	4	43
Church of the Messiah	Shuqualak	Rev. H. C. Harris		19		
Grace Church	Okolona	Rev. H. C. Harris	7	19		
Calvary Church	Holmes Co.	Rev. B. Halstead	7	23		
St. John's Church	Early Grove		14	12	6	35
St. Alban's Church	Bovina	Rev. J. A. Fox	12	20		
St. Luke's Church	Shieldsboro'	Rev. L. L. Lurton	13	21	6	32
St. Mark's Church	Miss. City	Rev. L. L. Lurton	10	23	3	8
Church of the Saviour	Osyka	Rev. H. Forrester	9	16	5	25
Ch. of Good Shepherd	Terry		12	18	5	26
Grace Church	Carrollton					
St. Stephen's Church	Panola					
Christ Church	Summit	Rev. H. Forrester	14	22	6	32
Ch. of the Mediator	Meridian	Rev. H. C. Harris	22	20	5	20
Ch. of Holy Comforter	Dry Grove	Rev. W. K. Douglas	10	25	8	40
Ch. of Holy Trinity	Vicksburg	Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D.	56	92	8	54
Ch. of the Nativity	Macon	Rev. H. C. Harris	12	15	5	15
St. James' Church	Greenville	Rev. G. W. Stickney	50	49	6	34
Ch. of the Nativity	Water Valley		14	12	4	22
Grace Chapel	Grenada		21	15	10	40
Ch. of the Advent	Holmes Co.	Rev. B. Halstead	4	10	2	16
St. Mary's Mission	Lexington	Rev. B. Halstead	10	13	2	9
St. Jude's Church	Corinth	Rev. H. C. Harris	12	31	5	20
	Wahalak					
	Scobba					
	Quitman					
	Iuka					
	Enterprise					
Missions	Tupelo	Rev. H. C. Harris	36	81		
	West Point					
	Mayhew					
	Brookville					
	DeKalb					
	Landerdale					
Chapel of Holy Com'n	Warren Co.	Rev. E. C. Laughlin	11	5		
Mission	Brookhaven	Rev. H. Forrester	6	8		
Ch. of the Redeemer	Biloxi	Rev. L. L. Lurton	10	15	7	50
Missions	Como & Sardis	Rev. W. Mitchell		19		
			964	1502	215	1346

OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Baptisms.							CONTRIBUTIONS.				
Adult..	Infant..	Total...	Confirm's	Marriages	Burials...	Com'n Alms.	Parochial Objects.	Diocesan Objects.	Obj'cts exte'r'r to Dio-cese.	Special Obj'cts	TOTAL..
5	20	25	15	7	22	\$180 00	\$1,602 00	\$416 00	\$220 00	\$198 00	\$2,436 00
3	3	6	1	1	2			142 00			142 00
2	6	8	6	2	2	21 70	111 75	121 70			155 15
12	46	58	23	15	24	192 00	1,506 35	502 00	61 50	95 00	2,356 85
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2	6	8	4	5			1,112 45	202 60			1,315 05
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4	9	13	6	1	1		109 00	47 50	3 00	59 00	218 50
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1	1	1	3	1	1	2 40		20 00			22 40
5	10	15	7	11	6	40 35	2,470 04	135 00	26 45	55 55	2,727 39
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2	7	9				2 50	122 00	34 00	5 00	5 00	168 50
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4	4	8				7 50	125 00	27 40			159 90
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8	9	13		1							
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8	17	25	12	1							
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The Constitution and Canons are now in the hands of a Committee for revision. The following are published as being the action of the present Council:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Strike out all after the word "*Provided*," in the second clause of the third article of the Constitution of this Diocese, and insert the following:

That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate to the Council unless he be a communicant in the Parish which he represents. On a division, the delegation from each Parish shall be entitled to but one vote.

Canon IX was repealed, and the following substituted:

CANON IX.

The Secretary of the Council shall furnish to each Minister of a Parish, or if there be no regular Minister, to the Senior Warden, a printed form of Parochial Reports, conformed to the requirements of the annual statistic report and tabular view of the state of the church, published in the Journal of the Council.

The following was also adopted:

CANON —

The name of any clergyman absent from the Diocese for the space of two or more years, without permission of the Bishop, or the existing ecclesiastical authority, shall be dropped from the roll of the clergy, upon the understanding, however, that no right of jurisdiction over him shall be relinquished; and provided that after such omission of his name, it shall be the duty of the ecclesiastical authority to replace it upon the roll in case of his return to the Diocese, and after due submission or satisfactory explanations.

Form for the Organization of New Parishes.

We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of ———, county of ———, and State of Mississippi, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of ——— Church, and as such, do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship, the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and we do accordingly appoint ———, (*not less than three, nor more than eleven persons, naming them*), to be the first Vestry of ——— Church; and ———, (*two persons, naming them*), to be the first Wardens, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D. ———, and until others be chosen in their place; and an election for Vestrymen shall hereafter be held on Easter Monday of each successive year, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Witness our hands at ———, County of ———, and State of Mississippi, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———.



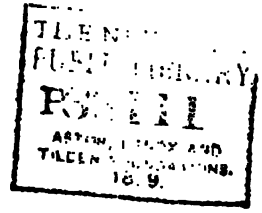


THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COUNCIL of the Church in the Diocese of Mississippi is appointed to convene in CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRING, on the SECOND WEDNESDAY in MAY, A. D. 1872.

CANTON, MISS.

DUNCAN C. GREEN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

To complete the file of our Diocesan Journals, and to provide the Registrar of the General Convention with missing numbers, all persons having bound volumes, or one or more single copies of the Journal for the years 1826, and 1854, inclusive, especially the earlier numbers, are requested to send the same to the Secretary of the Council. Unless interest is taken in this matter without further delay, the records of the Diocese may be lost irrecoverably to ourselves and to the Church at large.



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Forty-Fifth Annual Council.

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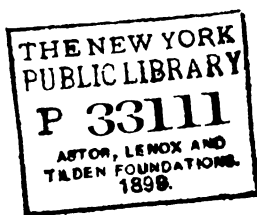
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JACKSON, MISS.:

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| 1. REV. W. C. CRANE, D. D., | 3. REV. C. B. DANA, D. D., |
| 2. Vacant. | 4. REV. H. SANSOM, D. D. |

Nominated to the General Convention to fill vacancy:

R. S. STITH,

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT:

REV. JAS. A. FOX,	REV. H. SANSOM, D. D.,
REV. C. B. DANA, D. D.,	REV. W. W. LORD, D. D.,
REV. W. K. DOUGLAS.	

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T. E. B. PEGUES.	

TREASURER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH FOR THE DIOCESE OF
MISSISSIPPI:

T. E. B. PEGUES,
OXFORD.

PREACHER AT NEXT COUNCIL:

REV. H. SANSOM, D. D.

ALTERNATE:

REV. C. B. DANA, D. D.

List of Clergy.

BISHOP.

RT. REV. WILLIAM MERCER GREEN, D. D.,

P. O. Vicksburg, from Oct. 1st to June 1st; Sewanee, Tenn., from June 1st to Oct. 1st.

PRIESTS.

- ✓ *Rev. Joseph E. Brown*, Ministering at Okolona and West Point.
- ✓ **Rev. Wallace Carnahan*, Rector Grace Church, Canton.
- ✓ **Rev. Wm. C. Crane, D. D.*, Rector St. Andrew's Church, Jackson.
- ✓ **Rev. Wm. D. Christian*, Rector Trinity Church, Yazoo City.
- ✓ **Rev. Charles B. Dana, D. D.*, Rector Trinity Church, Natchez.
- ✓ *Rev. Wm. K. Douglas*, Rector Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove, and St. Mark's Church, Raymond; P. O. Dry Grove.
- ✓ **Rev. Henry Forrester*, Rector Christ Church, Summit, and Church of the Saviour, Osyka; P. O. Summit.
Rev. John Foster, Athens, Tenn.
- ✓ **Rev. James A. Fox*, Rector St. Alban's Church, Bovina.
- ✓ **Rev. Duncan C. Green*, Rector St. James' Church, Greenville.
**Rev. Benjamin Halstead*, Rector Calvary Church, Holmes county; P. O. Lexington.
- ✓ **Rev. Henry C. Harris*, Missionary along the M. and O. Railroad; P. O. ———.
- ✓ **Rev. Jas. S. Johnston, Jr.*, Rector St. James' Church, Port Gibson, and Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne county; P. O. Port Gibson.
- ✓ *Rev. Edmund C. Laughlin*, Warren county; P. O. Vicksburg.
**Rev. Wm. W. Lord, D. D.*, Rector Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg.
- ✓ **Rev. L. L. Lurton*, Rector St. Mark's Church, Mississippi City, and St. Luke's Church, Shieldsboro; P. O. Mississippi City.

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- ✓ **Rev. James P. Lytton*, Rector St. Paul's Church, Woodville.
 ✓ *Rev. Wm. E. Phillips*, Rector Trinity Church, Pass Christian.
 ✓ **Rev. James T. Pickett*, Rector Christ Church, Holly Springs.
 Rev. Willard Presburg, Rector St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.
 ✓ **Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D.*, Rector Christ's Church, Vicksburg.
 ✓ **Rev. Joseph L. Tucker*, Rector St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

DEACONS.

- Rev. Heber O. Crane*, Jackson.
 ✓ **Rev. Stephen H. Green*, Rector Grace Chapel, Grenada, and ministering at Water Valley.
 Rev. David G. Gunn, General Theological Seminary.
 Rev. Joseph B. Lyons, not known where he is.
 ✓ **Rev. Wm. S. Spiers*, ministering at Church of the Ascension, Hernando; Church of the Holy Innocents, Como, and Church of the Redeemer, Sardis; P. O. Hernando.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Duncan Savage,	William B. Cooper,
James H. Flewellyn	R. Hylton Prosser,
Stephen H. Granberry,	Samuel W. E. Pegues,
John D. H. Browne,	Oliver Vasser Shearer,
Isaac N. Lawson,	William H. Trezevant,
Tullius C. Tupper.	

Those marked thus * attended Council.

SUMMARY.

Bishop.....	1
Priests.....	22
Deacons	5
Total.....	28
Candidates for Holy Orders.....	11.

PARISHES IN UNION WITH THE COUNCIL
WITH THE
ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES.

Names in Italics attended the Council.

TRINITY CHURCH—NATCHEZ—(1822.)

Hon. Alex. Montgomery, Hon. Jos. D. Shields, Spencer Wood, M. D.
ALTERNATES—J. Floyd King, F. Surget Shields, William Harper, M. D.

CHRIST CHURCH—CHURCH HILL—(1822.)

No Delegation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—WOODVILLE—(1824.)

T. V. Noland, J. B. McGehee.

CHRIST CHURCH—VICKSBURG—(1837.)

W. T. Balfour, M. D., P. W. Shearer, T. G. Dabney.

ALTERNATES—W. W. Allein, R. Richardson, M. H. Bigelow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—GRAND GULF—(1837.)

No Delegation.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH—RAYMOND—(1840.)

R. L. Bogle, M. D., Geo. Latimer, M. D.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—COLUMBUS—(1840.)

No Delegation.

CHRIST CHURCH—HOLLY SPRINGS—(1842.)

B. W. Walthall, *R. S. Stith, Kinloch Falconer.*

ALTERNATES—P. A. Willis, *Wm. Clark*, Joseph Caruthers.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—JACKSON—(1843.)

A. G. Seckel, J. A. Brown, D. P. Porter.

ALTERNATES—H. F. Simrall, D. N. Barrows, G. D. Sidway.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—LAMAR—(1844.)

W. W. Brum, W. L. Treadwell.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—PONTOTOC—(1844.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY—CLAIBORNE COUNTY—(1844.)

No Delegation.

TRINITY CHURCH—YAZOO CITY—(1846.)

P. P. Bailey, Garnett Andrews, Robt. Campbell.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH—CLINTON—(1847.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION—HERNANDO—(1848.)

J. T. M. Smith, H. H. Chalmers, W. H. Johnson.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—ABERDEEN—(1848.)

L. Houghton, Q. O. Eckford.

GRACE CHURCH—CANTON—(1848.)

S. L. Mosby, T. R. Clark.

ST. PHILLIP'S CHURCH—KIRKWOOD—(1848.)

No Delegation.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH—BRANDON—(1848.)

E. W. Smith, W. B. Shelby.

ALTERNATES—H. U. McKinney, P. Henry.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—LAKE WASHINGTON—(1848.)

No Delegation.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—PORT GIBSON—(1848.)

No Delegation.

TRINITY CHURCH—PASS CHRISTIAN.

No Delegation.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH—OXFORD—(1851.)

T. E. B. Pegues, P. H. Skipwith, N. B. Pegues.

ALTERNATES—C. W. Sears, S. W. E. Pegues, Jno. Thompson.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—EARLY GROVE—(1851.)

No Delegation.

CALVARY CHURCH—HOLMES COUNTY—(1851.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH—SHUQUALAK—(1851.)

No Delegation.

GRACE CHURCH—OKOLONA—(1852.)

No Delegation.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS—MADISON COUNTY—(1853.)

No Delegation.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH—BOVINA—(1858.)

R. H. Prosser, Thos. Brabston.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH—SHIELDSBORO'—(1858.)

No Delegation.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH—MISSISSIPPI CITY—(1858.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR—OSYKA—(1859.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD—TERRY—(1860.)

J. O. Wharton, W. H. Fitzhugh.

GRACE CHURCH—CARROLLTON—(1861.)

No Delegation.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH—PANOLA—(1861.)

No Delegation.

CHRIST CHURCH—SUMMIT—(1862.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR—MERIDIAN—(1867.)

G. E. Redwood, W. Coleman.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER—DRY GROVE—(1869.)

E. H. Dabney, Geo. Wingfield.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY—VICKSBURG—(1870.)

*G. W. Howard, O. Matthews, P. F. Whitehead.*ALTERNATES—*J. W. Gray, J. W. M. Harris, E. D. Clark.*

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY—MACON—(1870.)

No Delegation.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—GREENVILLE—(1870.)

W. A. Bollock, V. Irish, W. H. Bolton.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY—WATER VALLEY—(1870.)

No Delegation.

GRACE CHAPEL—GRENADA—(1870.)

*R. S. Ringgold, Jos. Weatherly, W. E. Baley.*ALTERNATES—*E. Walthall, J. M. Bishop, R. Doak.*

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER—SARDIS—(1872.)

C. Miller, J. R. Dickens.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS—COMO—(1872.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT—ACONA—(1872.)

No Delegation.

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR—EAST PASCAGOULA—(1872.)

No Delegation.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH—LEXINGTON—(1872.)

No Delegation.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH—HAZLEHURST—(1872.)

W. H. Streshley.

SUMMARY.

Total number of Parishes.....	49
Parishes represented.....	11

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

CHRIST CHURCH, HOLLY SPRINGS, }
May 8th, 1872. }

This being the time and place for the meeting of the Forty-Fifth Annual Council of the Diocese of Mississippi, a number of the Clergy and Delegates elect assembled for divine service in Christ Church.

Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Pickett, Dana and Sansom.

The Council sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Crane, from Zech. XIV, 6, 7.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop assisted by Rev. Dr. Sansom, and Rev. Mr. Pickett.

At the close of Divine Service, the Rt. Rev. Bishop took the chair and called the Council to order.

The roll of Clergy as furnished by the Bishop, was then called. The following, entitled to seats, were present.

Rt. Rev. W. M. Green, D. D.	Rev. Jas. S. Johnston, jr.
Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D.	Rev. J. P. Lytton.
Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D.	Rev. J. T. Pickett.
Rev. H. Forrester.	Rev. H. Sansom, D. D.
Rev. D. C. Green.	Rev. S. H. Green.
Rev. L. L. Lurton,	Rev. W. D. Christian.

Certificates of Lay Delegates were laid on the Secretary's table and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Jas. S. Johnston and Messrs. Falconer and Ringgold.

The Committee reported the certificates from the following Parishes to be correct :

Trinity Church, Natchez ; St. Pauls', Woodville ; Christ Church, Vicksburg ; St. Marks', Raymond ; Christ Church, Holly Springs ; St. Andrews', Jackson ; St. Andrews', Lamar ; Trinity Church, Yazoo City ; Church of the Ascension, Hernando ; Grace Church, Canton ; St. Lukes', Brandon ; St. Peters', Oxford ; St. Johns', Early Grove ; Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry ; Church of the Mediator,

Meridian; Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove; Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg; Grace Chapel, Grenada.

The roll was called, and the following answered to their names :

B. W. Walthall, R. S. Stith, and Kinloch Falconer, Holly Springs; A. G. Seckel, Jackson; T. E. B. Pegues, and P. H. Skipwith, Oxford; R. S. Ringgold, Grenada; P. P. Bailey, Jackson.

A constitutional quorum being present, the Rt. Rev. President declared the Forty-fifth Annual Council of the Church in the Diocese of Mississippi duly organized and ready to proceed to business.

The election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Council being first in order, the ballot being dispensed with, Rev. Duncan C. Green was re-elected.

The Rev. J. S. Johnston, jr., was appointed assistant Secretary.

On motion the Council adjourned until 5 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Council was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President.

The roll was called, and the following members, not present in the morning, answered to their names :

Rev. Jas. A. Fox, and W. T. Balfour, Christ Church, Vicksburg; Messrs R. H. Prosser and T. Brabston, St. Alban's Church, Bovina; Mr. G. W. Howard, Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Council were adopted and read by the Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Council shall be opened on the first day with full service, including Council Sermon. (the preacher of which shall be appointed by the Bishop at the preceding Council,) and the celebration of the Holy Communion; and on each succeeding day with Morning Prayer.

2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up except to address the Chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Council, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Council.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member who shall be in the Council when any question is put, shall, on division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered before the Council, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it on the table, to postpone it for a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or divide it—and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table or to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Council is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

12. The names of movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the minutes of the Council.

13. The reports of all Committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion, unless recommitted by vote of the Council. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion, by the Council, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Council therein.

14. If the question under debate contain several distinct propositions, the same question shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately, except that a motion to strike out and insert, shall be indivisible.

15. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Council.

16. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment, shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

17. The first thing in order, after the Council is declared organized, and ready for business, shall be the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Council for the ensuing year.

18. The adoption of Rules of Order for the government of the Council, and the reading of said rules by the Secretary.

19. The appointment of the following standing Committees, viz: 1st, On Credentials; 2d, On the admission of New Congregations; 3d, On the State of the Church; 4th, On Finance; 5th, on Constitution and Canons; 6th, On Diocesan Schools; 7th, On Unfinished Business.

20. The reading of the Bishop's Journal and Address.

21. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Council.

22. The reading of the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

23. The reading of the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

24. The reading of reports from Committees appointed by the last Council.

25. Designation of time and place for holding the next Council.

26. The election of Diocesan Officers:—1st, Members of the Standing Committee; 2d, Treasurer of the Diocese; 3d, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund; 4th, Trustees of the General Theological Seminary; 5th, Members of the Ecclesiastical Court; 6th, Deputies to General Convention (when required); 7th, Any other Diocesan Officers necessary to be elected.

27. Reports of Standing Committees.

28. Reports from Special Committees.

29. General Motions, Resolutions, and Propositions.

The Rt. Rev. President then appointed the following Standing Committees:

CREDENTIALS.

Rev. J. S. Johnston, jr., and Messrs K. Falconer and R. S. Ringgold.

ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., and Messrs P. H. Skipwith, and J. O. Wharton.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., and Rev. Messrs J. A. Fox, D. C. Green, W. K. Douglas and H. C. Harris.

FINANCE.

Messrs. T. E. B. Pegues, B. W. Walthall, G. W. Howard, W. T. Balfour, and A. G. Seckel.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D., Rev. J. T. Pickett, and Messrs R. S. Stith and P. P. Bailey.

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. Messrs J. P. Lytton, W. D. Christian.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. Messrs. H. Forrester and S. H. Green, and Mr. R. H. Prosser.

The following report was submitted :

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi :

The following report of the proceedings of the Committee for the past year is respectfully submitted :

At the Annual Council of the Diocese, held in Trinity Church, Natchez, April 27, 1871, the Rev. Dr. Crane, the Rev. Dr. Sansom, the Rev. D. C. Green, Dr. Wm. T. Balfour, and G. D. Sidway, were elected the Standing Committee.

1871.

April 29.—The Committee met and organized by the election of Rev. Dr. Crane, as Chairman, and the Rev. Dr. Sansom, as Secretary.

After organizing, they proceeded to sign the Testimonials of the Rev. Jas. P. Lytton, recommending him to the Bishop to be admitted to the sacred order of Priests.

May 20th—The Committee met at Jackson. The Canonical Testimonials in behalf of Stephen H. Green were received and signed, recommending him to be admitted as a candidate for Priests' Orders.

Sep. 13th—The Committee met pursuant to notice of the Chairman, and signed the Canonical Testimonials recommending the Rev. Henry Forrester, for admission to the Sacred Order of Priests.

At the same time, the Testimonials of Oliver V. Shearer and Geo. Wingfield, were received, and they were recommended to be admitted as Candidates for Holy Orders.

Dec. 20th—The Committee signed the requisite Testimonials consenting to the consecration of the Rev. M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D., as Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

1872.

March 8th—The Committee met at Vicksburg, pursuant to call of the Chairman. The necessary Testimonials being laid before them, the Rev. L. L. Lurton was recommended to the Bishop for admission to the Sacred Order of Priests.

At the same time, the Canonical Testimonials of Tullius C. Tupper were received, and signed, recommending him to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

H. SANSOM, SECRETARY.

The Council then proceeded to appoint a time and place for the meeting of the next Council.

Canton, Jackson, Vicksburg and Grenada were put in nomination.

By *viva voce* vote Canton was selected. The first Wednesday in May was appointed as the day for convening the Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That when we adjourn, it be to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, opening the session with morning prayer and a sermon.

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Church, not entitled to seats, be invited to take seats in the Council.

Rev. W. S. Spiers, Rector of Church of Ascension, Hernando, and Rev. W. H. Phillips, of the Diocese of Maryland, were thereupon welcomed under the resolution.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

EVENING SERVICES.

Evening prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Pickett, Spiers and Forrester. Rev. J. S. Johnston, Jr., preached from I. Peter, I: 15-16.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

MAY 9TH, 1872.

Morning prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Pickett, Lurton, D. C. Green and Fox. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Dana, from Luke XXIV: 50-51.

The Council was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President.

The roll was called and the following additional members took their seats: Rev. Ben. Halstead, Rev. J. L. Tucker.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Bishop then read his Annual Journal and Address.

(See Appendix A.)

The Council next proceeded to the election of Diocesan officers.

Rev. W. D. Christian and Mr. E. H. Dabney were appointed tellers, and reported the following as elected:

Standing Committee—Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. J. A. Fox, Messrs. W. T. Balfour, M. D., and G. D. Sidway.

The Ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected:

Treasurer of the Diocese—John A. Klein.

Trustees of the Episcopal Fund and Church Property—John A. Klein, Jno. W. Robinson, and C. E. Hooker.

Nominated to fill the vacancy in the Trustees of the Gen. Theological Seminary—R. S. Stith.

Ecclesiastical Court—Rev. Jas. A. Fox, Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D., Rev. W. K. Douglas.

Treasurer of the Fund for the Episcopal Residence—John W. Robinson.

Trustee of the University of the South—to fill the vacancy—W. T. Balfour, M. D.

Treasurer of the University of the South—T. E. B. Pegues.

Registrar of the Diocese—Rev. W. K. Douglas.

The report of the Registrar was then read by the Secretary.

(See Appendix B.)

Adjourned until 5 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Council resumed its session, Rev. Dr. Crane in the chair.

Rev. J. L. Tucker, Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D., Rev. W. Carnahan, and Mr. S. L. Mosby, of Canton, appeared and took seats.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Convocation be created to embrace the several Parishes and Missions on and near the Mississippi Central and Mississippi and Tennessee railroads, to be known as the "*Grenada Convocation*."

On motion, the following were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions with regard to the death of the late John Duncan, Esq.: Rev. Drs. Dana and Sansom, and Mr. W. T. Balfour, M. D.

The Council voted unanimously to add the Chairman, Rev. Dr. Crane, to the committee.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Christian, Harris and Tucker were appointed a similar committee, upon the death of Rev. Ambrose W. Clark.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the expedience of applying to the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Dioceses of the Church, for their consent to the election of an Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, on the ground of the extent of territory.

Rev. Dr. Dana, Rev. Mr. Carnahan, and Mr. R. S. Stith were appointed the committee.

The committee on the Admission of New Congregations, reported that there had been laid before them applications for admission into union with the Council, from the following Parishes: Church of the Holy Innocents, Como; Church of the Redeemer, Sardis; Church of the Advent, Acona; Church of the Mediator, East Pascagoula; and St. Mary's Church, Lexington. Said Parishes were severally received by vote of the Council.

On motion, an irregularity in the Articles of Association of St. Stephen's Church, Hazlehurst, was supplied by the personal certificate of its late Rector, and said Parish was also admitted into union with the Council.

The report of the Treasurer of the Diocese was then read.

(See Appendix C.)

At the suggestion of the Committee on Finance, it was proposed, by the vote of the Council, that the arrears on the Bishop's salary be paid by voluntary contributions.

On motion, Rev. Henry Forrester was appointed the agent of the Council to carry out the above; and his Parishes were requested to give him leave of absence for one month for that purpose.

On motion,

Resolved, That a special committee of — be appointed to raise an Episcopal Fund of at least \$30,000, to be safely invested for the support of the Episcopate of this Diocese; That the amount of subscriptions obtained from each Parish, or its members, be kept distinct until the whole sum is made up; and that, in the meantime, the interest paid on the subscription by each Parish and its members, be annually credited on the assessment of such Parish; and that when the whole sum shall be made up, further assessments for the Episcopate shall cease, unless it should become necessary for the support of an Assistant Bishop.

The Chairman appointed as said committee W. T. Balfour, M. D., T. E. B. Pegues, A. G. Seckel, J. B. McGehee and W. C. Richards.

On motion, the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, &c., were empowered to sell the property known as the "Episcopal Residence," should they deem the same expedient, and to apply the proceeds to the permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate.

On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

EVENING SERVICES.

Evening prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. W. D. Christian and Joseph L. Tucker, and a sermon preached by the Rev. J. P. Lytton, of Woodville, from John XVIII : 28.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

MAY 10TH, 1872.

Morning prayer was said at 9 o'clock by the Rev. Messrs. J. T. Pickett, Wallace Carnahan and D. C. Green, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Benjamin Halstead.

After morning prayer, the Council was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President. The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous sessions were read.

Report of the Chairman of the Finance Committee was read and received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual report of the Diocesan Treasurer, beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Council the following report :

Your Committee have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Diocesan Treasurer, and find them correct in every particular.

Your Committee are much gratified to report that the Bishop's salary for the past year has been paid in full, and that a surplus of \$83 95 remains in the Treasurer's hands towards liquidating the arrears due the Bishop from former years. These arrears amounted to \$1287 95 at the last Council, which, with one year's interest at 10 per cent., \$128 79, make a total of \$1416 74, from which deduct \$83 95, leave a balance still due the Bishop of \$1332 79.

To liquidate this, a spontaneous subscription has been made by several of the delegates for themselves and their parishes, amounting at present to \$695 65; and further subscriptions, it is hoped, will be made, sufficient to cancel the remainder of this pressing obligation.

Your Committee call the attention of the Council to the resolutions passed at the last Council relating to the method of collecting the assessments for the Bishop's salary, and earnestly urge compliance therewith.

The following is recommended as the assessment for the Bishop's salary and contingent expenses for the ensuing year :

Assessment Roll.

PARISHES.	LOCATION.	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Expenses.
Church	Natchez	\$300 00	\$20 00
Church	Church Hill	100 00	10 00
il's Church	Woodville	100 00	10 00
Church	Vicksburg	300 00	20 00
aes' and St. Paul's Church	Grand Gulf & Port Gibson	75 00	10 00
rk's Church	Raymond	40 00	5 00
il's Church	Columbus	100 00	10 00
Church	Holly Springs	125 00	10 00
drew's Church	Jackson	200 00	20 00
drew's Church	Marshall county	30 00	5 00
ny Church	Claiborne county	25 00	10 00
Church	Yazoo City	100 00	10 00
threw's Church	Clinton	20 00	5 00
ion Church	Hernando	40 00	5 00
m's Church	Aberdeen	75 00	10 00
Church	Canton	100 00	15 00
lip's Church	Kirkwood	20 00	5 00
ke's Church	Brandon	30 00	5 00
m's Church	Lake Washington	50 00	5 00
Church	Pass Christian	100 00	5 00
of the Cross Church	Madison county	20 00	10 00
er's Church	Oxford	100 00	10 00
of the Messiah	Shuqualak	15 00	5 00
Church	Okolona	30 00	5 00
y Church	Holmes	25 00	5 00
m's Church	Early Grove	30 00	5 00
m's Church	Bovina	40 00	5 00
ke's Church	Shieldsboro	20 00	5 00
rk's Church	Mississippi City	15 00	5 00
of the Saviour	Osyka	25 00	5 00
h of the Good Shepherd	Terry	45 00	5 00
Church	Carrollton	25 00	5 00
phen's Church	Panola	20 00	5 00
Church	Summit	60 00	10 00
h of the Mediator	Meridian	15 00	5 00
h of the Holy Comforter	Dry Grove	60 00	10 00
Trinity Church	Vicksburg	200 00	20 00
ty Church	Macon	50 00	5 00
nes' Church	Greenville	100 00	10 00
Church	Grenada	50 00	5 00
h at	Enterprise	20 00	5 00
le's Church	Corinth	50 00	5 00
ommunion	Warren county	20 00	5 00
y Church		20 00	5 00
h at	Scotoba	20 00	5 00
h at	Mission Station	50 00	5 00
h of the Nativity	Water Valley	30 00	5 00
phen's Church	Hazlehurst	20 00	5 00
h of the Advent	Acona	15 00	5 00
ry's Church	Lexington	25 00	5 00
h of the Mediator	East Pascagoula	10 00	3 00
h of the Redeemer	Sardis	15 00	5 00
h of Holy Innocents	Como	20 00	5 00
h of the Redeemer	Biloxi	12 00	3 00
total		\$3202 00	411 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. BALFOUR,
T. E. B. PEGUES,
A. G. SECKEL,
GEO. W. HOWARD.

The Committee have examined also the report of the Treasurer of the Council and found his vouchers and accounts correct in every particular.

The Committee appointed to draft resolutions with regard to the decease of the Rev. Ambrose W. Clark, reported as follows :

1. *Resolved*, That this Council, with the deepest sorrow, realize that our beloved brother, Rev. AMBROSE W. CLARK, has departed this life ; and that in his death we have lost one of the most pure-hearted, gentle, earnest and devout presbyters of this Diocese. During the severe ordeal of a long and painful illness he was patient and submissive to the Divine will, and was one of those faithful souls who "through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." We cherish his memory as that of one who has left us a conspicuous and shining example of lovely Christian character, and of faithfulness as a pastor in the Church of God.

2. *Resolved*, That the cordial sympathies of this Council are hereby tendered to the afflicted family of our deceased brother, who, although consoled by the hopes and promises of the gospel, cannot but deeply mourn the loss of one who was so tenderly loved, so gentle, so pure, and whose absence is most keenly felt around the domestic fireside and in the family circle.

3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Council is hereby instructed to prepare and have printed with the journal of this Council, a suitable memorial page in commemoration of our deceased brother.

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Council furnish a copy of these resolutions to the widow and family of the deceased.

WILLIAM D. CHRISTIAN, CHAIRMAN.

The Committee appointed to draft resolutions with regard to the death of Col. John Duncan reported through its Chairman :

The Special Committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions expressing the sense of this Council of the loss which the Church has sustained in the recent death of Col. JOHN DUNCAN, of Jackson, present the following, which they recommend should be unanimously adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That in the death of Col. JOHN DUNCAN this Church has lost one of her most intelligent, active and efficient members, who had filled many of her most important offices of trust and honor—as a Communicant, Vestryman, Delegate to Diocesan and General Councils ; member of the Standing Committee and Treasurer of the Diocese ; Trustee and Treasurer of Church property and of the Episcopal Fund ; Trustee of the "University of the South," and of the "General Theological Seminary"—in the duties of which his course has always been marked with promptness, accuracy and usefulness to the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That this Council deeply sympathizes with the immediate relatives of the deceased, whose death, though cheered by "a hope full of immortality," and so peaceful and beautiful at the last, has left a void in their hearts which can never be filled on earth.

3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Council transmit to the family of the deceased a copy of these resolutions.

C. B. DANA, CHAIRMAN.

The committee appointed at the last Council to revise the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, submitted the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANON LAW.

Your committee charged with the responsible and delicate task of revising the Constitution and Canons, have conceived that it should be their aim to give order and precision to existing laws, rather than to propose new Canons and suggest additional legislation. And this for two reasons: *First*, Because change in the organic law of the Diocese is not expedient except the necessity for such change be both urgent and evident. *Secondly*, Because Canon Law is from its very nature the result of circumstances which have induced the church, from time to time, in accordance with changes in her relations with the external world, and in view of dangers that from various causes have arisen within the bounds of her own jurisdiction, to define the nature and limit of the powers of government, which she derives from her head and bestows upon her members.

Ecclesiastical Law is not, and has never been, in any Diocese under a true church regime, a code devised by human ingenuity and imposed upon the church by Synodic authority. Constitutions and Canons, and all that is contained in the term Canon Law, have grown up to meet exigencies and necessities as they arose; and we should be very sure that present circumstances call for change ere we disturb, and subject to mutation those laws and regulations which men who were at least as good and wise as ourselves, formed for a Diocese which is still under its original Bishop, and in the first period of its existence.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Article I, second line, strike out "of" before "United States" and insert "in."

Article III., (in lieu of the proposed amendment referred by the action of the last Council, to next annual meeting,) in the last line but one before "the Parishes which he represents," strike out "in" and insert "an actual member of."

Article VIII., fourth line, strike out the whole, and substitute "to each minister and Parish of the Diocese, either by letter or by a printed circular."

Article IX., third line, strike out all after the word "shall," and insert "have been, upon regular motion, approved at one annual meeting and adopted as a whole, at a subsequent stated meeting of the Council."

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CANONS.

Canon I, section 1, second line, before "congregation" strike out "Episcopal," and change "an" to "a." Third line from the bottom, strike out all after "body;" and at the second line from the bottom, strike out all before "the." Section 2, fourth line, after "designated" strike out "who;" and before "shall" insert "and also, shall appoint delegates to the Council, which Vestrymen." Fifth line, after "church" strike out the semicolon and insert a period. Strike out "who" and insert "the Vestry." At the end of the last line strike out the period, insert a semicolon, and add, "and in case, from any cause, delegates shall not have been chosen at the Parish meeting the Vestry shall, at that time, also appoint such delegates."

Canon III. To title "Of Suspension from the Ministry," add "*and of Clergy Absent from the Diocese.*" Let the present Canon be section 1, and the Canon concerning absent and non-reporting clergy (passed at the last Council) be section 2.

Canon IV., section 8, strike out all after the word "court," in the fourteenth line, and insert: "The Bishop shall nominate three presbyters for each vacancy, from which the accused shall elect one, to fill the vacancy. If the accused shall fail to elect one, the remaining members of the Court shall elect as aforesaid."

Section 13. Strike out all after the word "trial," in the second line, and insert: "The accused may elect either to continue the case to such time as the Court may adjourn, or fill the temporary vacancy as provided in section 8."

Section 16. Strike out all after the word "accused," in the third line, and insert: "Or is on the legal affidavit of the person presenting or of the accused, prejudiced for or against the accused, such member shall not sit at such trial."

Canons V. and VI. Repeal Canon V. Let the present Canon VI. be made Canon V.

Proposed Canon VI.—Of Vacant Parishes. When a Parish shall have become vacant and shall have remained vacant for a space of time greater than three months, and shall have no expectation of soon obtaining a regular minister, it shall be their duty to inform the Bishop, in order that he may recommend to them a proper person to fill the vacancy, and they shall, at the same time state what means they have for the support of a minister.

This Canon does not apply to Parishes who receive pecuniary aid from the Missionary Fund of the Diocese.

Canon IX.—Of Parochial Reports: Repealed by the last Council. The Canon which was substituted, but has not yet been embodied amongst the Canons, make Canon IX., with the same title. Repeal Canon XIII.

Proposed Canon XIV.—On the Duties of the Secretary of the Council. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make a record of each day's proceedings, and to receive all credentials, resolutions and other documents which, by the rules, or by the order of the Council, shall be laid upon the table for reference. It shall also be his duty to supervise the publication of the annual Journal of the Council, and to keep the archives and records of the

Diocese, and to transfer them, with an accurate catalogue or index of the same, to his successor in office.

Proposed Canon XV.—Of the Duties of the Treasurer of the Council. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys of the Council, and to disburse them upon requisition made by the Council, and to furnish annually to the Council an account of the receipts and expenditures.

W. W. LORD, CHAIRMAN,

The proposed amendments were read by the Secretary and acted upon separately.

The amendment of article I. of the Constitution was adopted for final action at the next Annual Council.

On motion, the action of the last Council upon Art. III. and the proposed amendment of the same by the Committee, were made the special order for 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The amendment of Art. VIII. was received and submitted to the next Council.

Art. IX, as amended, was received for future action.

Canon I, as amended, was adopted.

Canon III, as amended was adopted.

Amendment of Canon IV, Sec. 8, adopted.

Amendment of Canon IV, Sec. 13, adopted.

Amendment of Canon IV, Sec. 15, adopted.

Canon V was repealed.

Canon VI was made Canon V.

The proposed Canon VI was adopted.

The Canon "of Parochial Reports"—adopted at last Council was made Canon IX.

Canon XIII was repealed.

The proposed Canon XIII, "Of the Duties of Secretary of the Council," was adopted.

The proposed Canon XIV, "Of the Duties of Treasurer of the Council," was adopted.

On motion adjourned till 4 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Council was called to order by Rev. Dr. Crane.

By unanimous consent, the Order of the Day was deferred.

The Treasurer of the Council submitted his report which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (See appendix D.)

The Special order was taken up and the following substitute offered for the proposed amendment by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, of Art. III of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the action of the last Council on Art. III of the Constitution be adopted.

The vote by Orders being called for, resulted as follows :

AYE.
Clergy 8.
Laity 7.

NO.
Clergy 10.
Laity 5.

There being a non-concurrence of Orders, the substitute was lost.

The question recurring on the amendment of the Committee, the amendment was received.

The Committee on Diocesan Schools submitted the following :

The Committee on Diocesan Schools regret that so few materials are afforded them for making up their report. Indeed the only School in which the Diocese at large is particularly interested, is one of very recent establishment, and hitherto but little known by our people. Though only in its germ, the Training School at Dry Grove is worthy of the highest commendation, and we beg to call the careful attention of the Council to the report of its Rector. With proper encouragement the Bishop Green Training School, will prove a rich blessing to our Diocese. The foundations have been laid in those principles which afford the only sure pledge of fidelity for the discharge of the sacred trust which it undertakes. The bearing, experience, and true devotion of its founder and head are known to us all, and it will be our fault and not his if it should prove a failure.

W. C. CRANE, CHAIRMAN.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported—

The Committee on Unfinished business find the following matters requiring the attention of the Council :

On page 18 of the Journal for last year, we find that a Committee was appointed to consider what action could be taken for the relief of indigent families of deceased clergymen. On pages 27 and 28 is the report of the Committee, recommending that a special Committee be appointed to take the subject into consideration, and to report to this present Council. There is no record of the appointment of any such special Committee. If any such was appointed, it has made no report.

On pages 23 and 24, there are some resolutions requiring Rectors or Senior

Wardens of Parishes to call on their people for subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund. No action has been reported to this Council under those resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY FORRESTER, CHAIRMAN.

On motion the Council took recess until after Divine Service :

Evening Prayer was said by the Bishop and Rev. Messers Harris, and Phillips. Rev. L. L. Lurton preached.

The session was resumed.

On motion it was.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to call the attention of Clergy and Laity of the Diocese to the unchristian features in public enterprises for the pecuniary benefit of the church, referred to by him in his Annual Address, and also to warn against the adoption of all such means for raising money for religious purposes.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to publish only so much of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese as were acted upon at the present Council.

The following was submitted :

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of asking the consent of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the various Dioceses of this Church, to the election of an Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, respectfully report : That they do deem it expedient to ask such consent, provided it can be accompanied with satisfactory assurances of adequate support of such Assistant, which cannot be done at this time, but which your Committee have good reason to believe can be done by the meeting of our next Council. Looking to the extent of the territory of the Diocese, a large proportion of which is yet unoccupied by the Church, the work among the colored population, the fact that now calls for help are coming up from different parts of the Diocese, your Committee believe it beyond the power of any one Bishop to perform the work which the wants of the Church in the Diocese require. Yet the Committee deem it expedient to take no action at this time, further than to refer the whole subject back to the Committee with instructions to report to the next Annual Council.

WALLACE CARNAHAN.
R. S. STITH.

On motion, the Council adjourned until to-morrow morning.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

MAY 11TH, 1872.

Morning prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Lytton, Dana and D. C. Green.

Rev. Mr. Green preached from Matt. XVIII : 21, 22.

The Treasurer of the University of the South read his report :

As Diocesan Treasurer of the University of the South, I beg leave to report that I have received from the Advent Collections.:

From St. James Church, Port Gibson	\$13 25
" St. Peter's Church, Oxford.....	20 00
" St. Andrew's Church, Jackson	33 45
" Christ Church, Vicksburg	25 50
Total	\$92 20

Amounts sent to General Treasurer at Sewanee by the Pastors in charge:

From Trinity Church, Yazoo	\$17 00
" Grace Chapel, Grenada	5 00
" Christ Church, Holly Springs.....	10 00
Total	\$32 00

THOS. E. B. PEGUES.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to have one thousand copies of the Journal published.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to confine the statistics of Parochial reports to the tabular statement.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, By the Clerical and Lay Delegates of this Council, that we offer to the members of Christ Church, and the good people of Holly Springs, our most sincere thanks for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality which has been extended to the members of this Council, and that the Rev. Mr. Pickett be requested to communicate this resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to the

Railroad Companies who have afforded facilities of travel to the members of this Council.

Resolved. That copies of the above resolution be furnished by the Secretary to the authorities of said Railroads, and to the Holly Springs papers.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to turn over to the Bishop all surplus funds of the Council for the benefit of destitute families of clergymen of this Diocese.

The following report was submitted and read :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church, in presenting to the Council a report of the present condition of the Diocese, would respectfully state that, in the discharge of their duty, they have found the usual embarrassments arising from the neglect of many Parishes to make any report whatever, and hence their inability to give an accurate view of the condition of the Church.

Taking, however, the Bishop's Address, and the Parochial Reports, as far as they have been received, the statistics are satisfactory, and show an increase in all the particulars noted, and give evidence of the gradual advancement of the Church in the Diocese.

Referring to them they find that during the past year there have been white adult baptisms, 206; white infant, 362; colored adult, 3; colored infant, 22; making a total of 593 baptisms, nearly 200 over last year. There have been 327 confirmations, showing an increase of 90 above last year.

The number of communicants reported in this year is 1780. Six Parishes have been organized; 2 Churches have been consecrated. There have been 4 of the Clergy ordained to the Priesthood, and 2 persons admitted to the Diaconate. There have been 4 Clergymen transferred, and 2 received into the Diocese. One of our long-known and highly-esteemed brethren of the Clergy, the Rev. Ambrose W. Clark, has been called from his earthly labors to the enjoyment of that rest that remaineth for the people of God. This leaves our present number of Clergy, actually settled and laboring in the Diocese, to be 27, besides the Bishop. There are 9 candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese. These statistics show that the Church has been making some progress. And though it may seem to be small in comparison with the advancement of the Church in other Dioceses, yet considering the obstacles to be contended with and the extreme poverty of our country, we have reason to be grateful for the encouragement we have, to be more diligent in our labors and more earnest in our prayers for the wider extension and deeper spirituality of the Church.

If there is one thing which the Committee would especially commend to

the several Parishes in the Diocese, it is the claims of the Diocesan Missionary Society, as the especial auxiliary to the Bishop in his arduous and indefatigable labors. We must look more and more to ourselves, and less abroad for the support of our Missionaries; and we would most earnestly recommend that there shall be on the part of every Rector a faithful compliance with the resolution of a former Council, that two collections, at least, for Diocesan Missions, shall be taken up in each Parish during the year.

When the Children of Israel had "a mind to work," difficulties apparently insurmountable were speedily overcome. We would, therefore, call upon our brethren in every part of the Diocese to double their diligence. Let us endeavor to hold up the hands of our venerable and beloved Diocesan. Let us endeavor to cheer his heart and render him effectual aid in building up the waste places of Zion. Let us be faithful to our duties and opportunities, and we doubt not that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest, and the Church will enter in and occupy the extensive field which yet remains to be possessed.

H. SANSOM. CHAIRMAN.

The Bishop announced the following:

Be it remembered that I, WILLIAM M. GREEN, Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, do hereby appoint the Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., the Rev. W. K. Douglas, the Rev. Wallace Carnahan, and the Rev. Henry Forrester, Examining Chaplains of this Diocese, as provided in Title I., Canon 4, Sec. 1, of the General Digest and Canons.

Given under my hand and seal, at Holly Springs, this 11th day of May,
A. D. 1872.

W. M. GREEN,
Bishop of Mississippi.

The Bishop also appointed Rev. W. Carnahan, Rev. H. Forrester and Mr. T. E. B. Pegues a Committee on Indigent Families of Deceased Clergymen.

Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., was appointed the Preacher at next Council, and Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., Alternate.

On motion to adjourn, the Bishop spoke a few words of gratitude for the slow but gradual growth of the Diocese, and the happy unity of the Clergy and Laity; and after the singing of the Gloria in Excelsis, a short prayer, pronounced the benediction and declared the 45th Annual Council of the Church in the Diocese of Mississippi adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM MERCER GREEN,
Bishop of Mississippi, and President ex-officio.

Attest: DUNCAN C. GREEN, Secretary.

JAS. S. JOHNSTON, JR., Assistant Secretary.

PAROCHIAL

PARISH.	LOCATION.	MINISTER.	Families.....	Communicants.
Trinity Church	Natchez.....	C. B. Dana, D. D.....	100	125
Christ Church	Church Hill.....	Vacant.....		
St. Paul's Church	Woodville.....	Jas. P. Lytton.....	32	58
Christ Church	Vicksburg.....	H. Sansom, D. D.....	120	140
St. Paul's Church	Grand Gulf.....	Jas. S. Johnson, Jr.....	6	6
St. Mark's Church	Raymond.....	Wm. K. Douglas.....	7	20
St. Paul's Church.....	Columbus.....	J. L. Tucker.....	15	30
St. Andrew's Church.....	Jackson.....	W. C. Crane, D. D.....	94	107
Christ Church	Holly Springs.....	J. T. Pickett.....	26	63
St. Andrew's Church.....	Lamar.....	Vacant.....	9	12
St. John's Church	Pontotoc.....	H. C. Harris.....	10	24
Church of the Epiphany.....	Claiborne county.....	Jas. S. Johnston, Jr.....	10	13
Trinity Church	Yazoo City.....	W. D. Christian.....	45	53
Church of the Ascension.....	Hernando.....	W. S. Spiers.....	18	32
St. John's Church.....	Aberdeen.....	Vacant.....	35	47
Grace Church.....	Canton.....	W. Carnahan.....	46	68
St. Luke's Church.....	Brandon.....	Vacant.....	14	25
St. James' Church.....	Port Gibson.....	Jas. S. Johnston, Jr.....	25	30
St. Peter's Church.....	Oxford.....	Vacant.....	17	44
Church of the Messiah.....	Shuqualak.....	H. C. Harris.....	5	17
Grace Church.....	Okolona.....	H. C. Harris.....	8	17
Calvary Church.....	Holmes county.....	B. Halstead.....	9	25
St. John's Church.....	Early Grove.....	Vacant.....	12	15
St. Alban's Church.....	Bovina.....	Jas. A. Fox.....	13	27
St. Luke's Church.....	Shieldsboro'.....	L. L. Lurton.....	13	27
St. Mark's Church.....	Mississippi City.....	L. L. Lurton.....	13	22
Church of the Saviour.....	Osyka.....	H. Forrester.....	13	28
Ch. of the Good Shepherd.....	Terry.....	Vacant.....	12	34
Christ Church	Summit.....	H. Forrester.....	16	33
Church of the Mediator.....	Meridian.....	H. C. Harris.....	7	18
Ch. of the H'y Comforter.....	Dry Grove.....	Wm. K. Douglas.....	10	26
Ch. of the Holy Trinity.....	Vicksburg.....	W. W. Lord, D. D.....	67	100
Church of the Nativity.....	Macon.....	H. C. Harris.....	11	23
St. James' Church.....	Greenville.....	D. C. Green.....	50	50
Church of the Nativity.....	Water Valley.....	S. H. Green.....	16	14
Grace Chapel	Grenada.....	S. H. Green.....	26	29
Church of the Redeemer.....	Sardis.....	W. S. Spiers.....	9	9
Ch. of the H'y Innocents.....	Como.....	W. S. Spiers.....	9	13
Church of the Advent.....	Acona.....	B. Halstead.....	5	9
Church of the Mediator.....	East Pascagoula.....	L. L. Lurton.....	7	10
St. Mary's Church	Lexington.....	B. Halstead.....	11	13
St. Stephen's Church.....	Hazlehurst.....	Vacant.....	9	31
Church of the Redeemer.....	Biloxi.....	L. L. Lurton.....	21	40
St. Jude's Church	Corinth.....	H. C. Harris.....	12	36
Chapel of the H'y Com'n.....	Warren county.....	E. C. Laughlin.....	11	8
	Wahalak.....			
	Scobba.....			
	Quitman.....			
Missions.....	DeKalb.....	H. C. Harris.....	78	205
	Lauderdale.....			
	State Line.....			
	Enterprise.....			
Mission	Brookhaven.....	I. Forrester.....	3	7
Mission	West Point.....	I. E. Brown.....	4	4
Trinity Church.....	Past Christian.....	V. E. Phillips.....	30	47
Grand Total.....			1123	1787

STATISTICS.

Baptisms.			Sunday Schools.		Confirmations.		Marriages.		Burials.		CONTRIBUTIONS TO				
Adult.....	Infant.....	Total.....	Teachers.	Pupils.....	Teachers.	Pupils.....	Teachers.	Pupils.....	Teachers.	Pupils.....	Comm'n Alms.	Parochial Objects.	Dio-cesan Objects	Extra Dio-cesan Objects.	TOTAL.
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Parochial Reports.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Natchez, reports, with devout gratitude to God, that the condition of the parish is encouraging. The salutary influence of the Council held last year in this city was long visible in an increased interest in the Church services and in her general prosperity. The epidemic which prevailed in Natchez last autumn, and made desolate so many hearts and homes, had comparatively few victims in this congregation. Of more than one thousand cases, upwards of one hundred proved fatal; but of this hundred, only four or five belonged to this Church—though some of these were most efficient and useful members. But while we deeply deplore our loss under these bereavements, we are encouraged by the evidences of the Divine blessing on this Parish. This is seen in valuable additions to the Church and Communion; in the development and exercise of spiritual life and zeal; in an increasing attendance on the worship of the Church, both on Sundays and week-days, and particularly in the Holy Season, Lent; in the continued interest of several former members who have removed from town; and in the amount of pecuniary contributions. The Sunday School is also in a prosperous condition, having an excellent corps of teachers, and probably at this time a larger number and a better attendance of scholars than in any previous year.

C. B. DANA, Rector.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Woodville, feels obliged to state that his report of Communicants includes many who have not been to the Holy Communion in a number of years. There are not more than forty persons in this Parish who, practically speaking, are communicants. The others are reported because the Rector is unaware of the existence of any rubric, canon, or other ecclesiastical legislation that would justify him in excluding them from his report.

J. P. LYTON, Rector.

The Rector of Christ Church, Vicksburg, would add to the other statistics of his Parish the following report of his Parish School : Teachers, 3 ; Pupils, 55.

H. SANSOM, Rector.

The old parish of St. Paul, Grand Gulf, has at present no organization, and the number of members of the Church scarcely justifies it. I hold an afternoon service there once a month, and give them the fifth Sundays, morning and afternoon. The congregation is generally large, and made up of all denominations. There is no church building, but a ware-room has been kindly loaned to us. A fund has been raised for building a "Union meeting house," but it is not sufficiently large to justify the commencement of work upon it.

J. S. JOHNSTON,

Rector St. James Church, Port Gibson.

During the past year the Church edifice of St. Mark's Parish, Raymond, has been painted and placed in good repair, and the grounds surrounded by a substantial fence. This Parish has suffered to a remarkable extent from removals. More than half the families which, on his first assuming charge of this field, the present Rector found in living connection with the Church work, are now missed from among us. It is cheering to know that these have not lost their interest in the Church, so that the loss to us has been gain for others.

W. K. DOUGLAS, Rector.

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Jackson, would state that the falling off in the colored Sunday School was in consequence of the epidemic of last fall, from the effects of which it has not yet recovered. Its efficiency, however, has rather increased, and we are encouraged to persevere in this important Home Mission. The losses to the Parish by death during the past year have been peculiarly trying. Two valued members of the Vestry have been taken to their rest, one of whom, for a long time, identified with almost every department of our Church work, both Diocesan and general. The absence of Col. Duncan from the Council—the first time in many years—cannot fail to be keenly felt and sadly deplored. In addition to "The Daughters of St. An-

drew" and "The Ladies' Aid Society," both of which organizations have carried on their work with zeal and success, there has been recently formed a "Brotherhood," with every prospect of great usefulness.

W. C. CRANE, Rector.

Epiphany Church, Claiborne county, is in a languishing condition, owing in great measure to the impoverished condition of the country. I endeavor to give them one Sunday in the month, which barely keeps the Church alive, but cannot infuse any new life. The members of the Church live some distance from it, and very few of them get to Church. The congregation is usually made up of strangers. With the assistance of the Rev. D. C. Green, I held a convocation service in this Church in October last. I know not whether the seed sown was blessed to any immediate good.

J. S. JOHNSTON, Rector, &c.

The Rector of Trinity Church, Yazoo City, is happy to state that his parish has at length succeeded in erecting a neat Church edifice, which was consecrated to the service of Almighty God at the recent visitation of the Bishop. We are indebted to kind Northern friends for very material aid in the accomplishment of this good work. Some portion of the funds which are reported as having been collected during the past conventional year were obtained from that source, and a much larger amount was received from our Northern brethren previous to this time.

W. D. CHRISTIAN, Rector.

When the Rector took charge of the Church of the Ascension, Hernando, he found it languishing, owing to the absence of the regular services of a Clergyman, but he is happy to state that he is much encouraged in his labor by the earnestness with which the people have joined with him in working for the Church. The edifice in which the services are held, is in a very dilapidated condition, but hopes are entertained that before the assembly of another Council, a new Church edifice will be begun. At the visitation of the Right Rev., the Bishop,

twelve persons were confirmed. The Sunday School has been re-opened with a good prospect of enlargement. The Church is filled to its uttermost capacity, at each service.

W. S. SPEIRS, Deacon.

The condition of St. James' Church, Port Gibson, is as good as could be expected in times of such universal depression. Since my last report the Ladies Aid Society has raised about \$900 00, making the present amount on hand about \$1,400 00. They have closed a bargain for a Rectory, of which they will take possession on the 1st of January next. The building and location are well suited for the purposes. \$2,500 00 is the price to be paid. I have performed occasional services at Church Hill during the year, and held a very interesting series of services there in September, assisted by the Rev. J. P. Lytton. I trust that some awakening of zeal was, under the Divine blessing, the result of these labors.

J. S. JOHNSTON, Rector.

The report of statistics of St. Marks' Church, Mississippi City, is largely made up from work in Handsboro, a village two miles back from the coast, yet within the Parish bounds. The Masonic fraternity kindly tendered the use of their Hall for Church and Sunday School purposes; and much interest is manifested by the whole community in sustaining the services of the Church and the Sunday School. The time is not far distant, when the interest of the membership will demand the organization of a separate Parish. There is not a city or village upon the coast, where the impress of true christianity has stamped its hallowed influence so perceptibly, as Handsboro. The congregation at St. Marks', Mississippi City, is chiefly made up by summer visitors, having no local population to sustain either a church or a Sunday School.

L. L. LURTON, Rector,

In my report of the Church of the Saviour, Osyka, at the last Council, I ventured to express a hope that the Parish would "be considerably strengthened" in the course of the ensuing year. It will be

seen that my hope was not in vain. The great drawback to the prosperity of the Parish at Osyka is the poverty of the people. That so much has been accomplished is due, under God, to the faithfulness and zeal of a few of the laity, who have been, and are, devoted and efficient laborers and fellow-helpers of their Rector in his work. Mr. Leon Dunnica has been appointed Lay Reader, and keeps the Church open on the Sundays when I am absent. I accepted a call as Rector of the Parish in January last, and give it now two Sundays per month.

HENRY FORRESTER, Rector.

The undersigned took charge of the Parish of the Good Shepherd, Terry, in connection with three other stations, last July, and has held monthly services till his resignation, March 1st, 1872.

This little flock has been blessed with a genuine revival of religious fervor and practical piety. God seems to have "raised up his power and come among them." The young men, especially, have been moved by the Holy Spirit to undertake their Christian obligations. Of the fourteen confirmed by the Bishop at his last visitation, ten were young men. A young lady of the parish has been carrying on a noble work amongst the freedmen, with a wonderful degree of success.

WALLACE CARNAHAN.

The Rector of St. James Church, Greenville, assumed charge on the 1st day of February. The statistical report, therefore, represents almost entirely the ministrations of his predecessor. The parish Church awaits the next Episcopal visitation for consecration.

DUNCAN C. GREEN, Rector.

Since the last report of Christ Church, Summit, a Church edifice has been erected. It was opened for Divine service on February 7th, 1872. It is still very far from being finished, but we are able to use it with some degree of comfort. The Parish is so exhausted financially, that there is no prospect of its immediate completion. Of the amount expended on it hitherto, considerably more than half has been contributed by one faithful layman, who, recognizing his Lord's ownership of all things, ~~the Church returns~~ to Him of that which is His. I accepted a call to the

Rectorship in January last. The Church is open every Sunday, Mr. Wm. Cunningham having been appointed Lay Reader. A Parish Guild has been formed, a few of the members of which are faithfully at work. A Mission has just been inaugurated at McComb City, a new place of great promise, three miles south.

HENRY FORRESTER, Rector.

The Parish of the Church of the Nativity, Water Valley, is without a Rector, or even a Missionary. By request, Rev. Stephen H. Green, of Grace Chapel, Grenada, has kindly consented, and has given us two Thursday nights in each month for the last three months, and one Sunday service.

The Parish has strained every nerve, and, by hard labor, succeeded in erecting the frame of a small Chapel, 20 by 45, in which we have Sabbath School and Lay Reading.

Under the \$951 parochial expenses, is included the amount which has been expended for a church lot and the erection of a Chapel, yet unfinished, and with a debt of \$175 upon it.

T. W. WHITSEY, Senior Warden.

The statistical report of Grace Chapel, Grenada, extends from August 1st, 1871, at which time I took charge of the Parish. The Church is yet unfinished, but near completion. The congregation have strained every nerve to raise funds in order that the building may be paid for, and have therefore been obliged to neglect an offertory either for Foreign or Domestic Missions. We hope in a few months to be free from all debt, and to worship in a finished Church.

STEPHEN H. GREEN, Rector.

At the visitation of the Right Reverend the Bishop, to Sardis, a Parish was organized, and it is purposed to build a Church during the present summer.

W. S. SPEIRS, Deacon in Charge.

Having taken charge of Grace Church, Canton, so recently (my Rectorship began March 1st, 1872), I am unable to report any new features in the work of the Church here. I find evidences of my predecessors' faithful labors, and hope to be able to successfully carry on what has been so well begun.

WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector.

During the late visitation of the Right Rev. the Bishop, to the Parish of the Holy Innocents, Como, a lot was secured on which to erect a Church. It is expected that the building will be commenced this fall. The community is a small one, but very well disposed toward the Church.

W. S. SPEIRS, Deacon.

The parish at East Pascagoula is of recent origin and of great interest to the Diocese. The Protestant element is being absorbed into our Catholic and Apostolic Church.

L. L. LURTON, Rector.

I took charge of the Mission field embracing Hazlehurst, last August. On the 15th of October, 1871, the parish was organized. The work in Hazlehurst has been a thoroughly pioneer enterprise, yet the growth of religious interest and the recognition of the claims of our Church have been most encouraging. I resigned this parish to accept a call to the Rectorship of Grace Church, Canton, March 1st, 1872.

WALLACE CARNAHAN, Rector.

The Parish of the Redeemer, Biloxi, seems to have lost its record in the Diocesan Council, though one of the oldest on the coast, having its organization as far back as the year 1852. Like all our seacoast towns, there exists in Biloxi the impress of Roman idolatry and superstition, with its attendant evils of not only irreverence for the Lord's day, but a willful desecration of it. One faithful woman, the widow of a deceased clergyman, has performed the duties of a Deaconess, zealously nourishing the embers of piety in the hearts and homes of all Protestant families. Her reward, I am sure, is laid up in Heaven. Through

the patient industry of the Sunday School teachers and children, they are striving to build an humble Church. May the Lord prosper their effort and send them help.

L. L. LURTON, Rector.

The undersigned took charge of Grace Church, Okolona, and the Mission, at West Point, Dececeber 25th, 1871.

J. EMMART BROWN, Rector.

Occasional services have been held by me at Aberdeen, during the illness and since the death of the Rector. Two persons have been baptized, amd six persons presented to the Bishop for confirmation. Five children have been baptized at other parts in the Diocese. Lectures and Sermons on the Church and Christian Doctrine have been delivered from time to time, at nearly all the railroad towns on the Mobile and Ohio Road in Mississippi; also addresses at most of the schools, public and private, in the interest of education, good morals and Christianity.

On the 1st of December, Okolona and West Point were given up to the pastoral care of the Rev. J. E. Brown. The interesting Mission at Iuka is indebted to Mrs. R. C. Brinkley, of Memphis, Mrs. F. C. Hall and Miss Snowden, of New York, for valuable aid. The Rev. J. L. Tucker, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, has given me his hearty sympathy and aid.

HENRY C. HARRIS, Missionary.

I gave one Sunday per month to Brookhaven from July to December, 1871, inclusive. This served to keep alive the small church element existing there, but not to do more for others than to create some little interest in them for the Church. Since I ceased to visit them regularly, I have given them one Sunday, also accompanied the Bishop on his visitation. A lot of ground, valued at \$500, has been given to the Church by Capt. Hoskins, and the people are trying to raise \$200 more to purchase the adjoining lot. A Missionary who could spend half his time at this point, might soon build up a Parish.

HENRY FORRESTER, Missionary.

The Secretary of the Jackson Convocation reports that the following work has been done under the auspices of the Convocation: Services have been held at Terry, twice; at Crystal Springs, three times; at

Brookhaven, twice; at Wesson, once; at Hazlehurst, twice; at Water Valley, once; at Midway, on two successive days, when a Sunday School was organized; and at Bolton, twice, where a Parish organization was effected, and property to the value of twelve hundred dollars secured.

Respectfully submitted,

, HENRY FORRESTER, Secretary, *pro. tem.*

Report of the Rector of the Bishop Green Associate Mission and Training School, under the care of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove.

During the past year, Providence has opened the way for the inauguration of this long-cherished object. In addition to a comfortable Parsonage, two cottages have been built for temporary use. Four candidates have been for a portion of the year in residence, and instruction has been given according to their needs, in elementary literary studies, and in the Exegesis of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures. It is proposed to combine with the Training School an Orphan Asylum and Church Home. This movement has been initiated to provide for rising necessities. It has incurred no debts, absorbed no resources of the Church which could have been devoted to other objects—it has done some good. This is its present history. This, when God shall please to bring its labors to an end, will be its epitaph.

Support has been provided mainly by the Ladies' Society of the Church of the Holy Comforter, an organization which it is expected will in due time, as the leadings of Providence may indicate, be developed into a permanent band of Deaconesses. The chief labors of these devoted women the past year, have been the manufacture of coarse clothing for sale on the surrounding plantations. It is just to the work, and must be instructive to those who may feel an impulse to emulate this example, to state that all of these women are engaged in active family duties, several of them are in infirm health, and not one has a servant in her household. These assumed duties, so far from causing neglect of daily tasks, have seemed to lighten all. The remark has often been made to him who is privileged to be their Spiritual Counsellor, that the hour of "church work" has thrown a brightness over many a gloomy day. Work for Christ, self-abnegation for His Church will be sure to bring His Peace.

WM. K. DOUGLAS, Rector

Church of the Holy Comforter, in charge of the Bishop Green Associate Mission.

APPENDIX A.

Annual Address.

DEAR BRETHREN :

I thank God for thus permitting us to meet once more in Council, and with no real diminution of our Clerical force. Of those brethren, who for several years have taken counsel together with us, one has departed, to be, as we trust, forever with Christ, and four have been transferred to other fields of labor. But I am thankful in saying that their places have been fully supplied by the addition of an equal number of young but zealous workers for the church.

Of our deceased brother, Rev. Ambrose Wayland Clark, it would be difficult to speak except in terms of deserved eulogy. It is now more than six years since he came to us in feeble health, but with the determination to give his remaining strength to Christ and the Church. How patiently he bore up under the increasing pressure of disease, and how persistently he stood in the Chancel until his feeble voice could no longer be heard, a loving and sorrowing congregation will freely testify. His subdued and gentle spirit found a ready passport into the hearts of all who knew him ; and his faithful labors fitted him day by day for the abundant reward which we trust is now laid for him at God's right hand. To his widow, let us tender our sympathy and our prayers, though unable to offer any such consolation as the Holy Ghost, the Comforter above can give.

Whilst thus adverting to the loss of one of our Clerical Brethren, I would be unfaithful to the memory of a friend and brother who has often sat with us in Council, if I were to pass by without becoming notice, the recent death of Col. John Duncan. By an unusual promptness and dispatch in business, he won from several of our Councils the successive appointments of Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee of the Church property, Trustee of the University of the South, Trustee of the Gen. Theological Seminary, and Deputy to the General Convention ; and in all of them he faithfully fulfilled the trust reposed in him. As a standing member of our Finance Committee, it will not be easy to find one more ready or more efficient to fill his place.— May God speedily raise up, not one, but many, of both Clergy and Laity to step forward with even greater zeal into the vacant places which He is pleased to make from year to year in our little band.

I now pass on to the record of my year's labors.

On Sunday, 30th April, the day following the adjournment of our last Council, assisted by several of my Clergy, I admitted Rev. James P. Lytton, and Rev. James S. Johnston, to the Holy Order of the Priesthood, in Trinity Church, Natchez. The sermon was at my request, preached by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Louisiana. Fifteen were confirmed.

|| May 1st. During the evening service, I baptized an adult in Trinity Church, Natchez, and afterwards confirmed him.

May 7th, I preached in St. John's Church, Lake Washington, to a large congregation, and was much pleased to find that it had been thoroughly repaired since my last visit. I addressed the congregation on the necessity of building a Rectory, and of uniting with the upper end of the Lake in the employment of a Rector. If it has not been done, it is from no want of will on their part, but from the peculiarly moneyless condition of the past year. As usual, I visited the families along the border of the Lake, and in my progress baptized one infant.

May 11th. On arriving at Egg's Point, I was prevented from officiating, by finding that no notice had been received of my coming.

May 12th. At Greenville, after visiting a number of families, I preached in the evening. The next day, Saturday, was also spent in visiting from house to house. Sunday, 14th, I preached at 11 A. M., and baptized two children. At 5 o'clock P. M., I catechized the children of the congregation, and preached again at 8 o'clock, confirming ten persons.

May 19th. I reached Shieldsboro, the place of my next appointment, and preached in the evening. The next day was given to visiting, and on Sunday, 21st, I preached, baptized eight infants and three adults, confirmed six persons, and administered the Holy Communion. The Rev. Mr. Lurton, though present, was prevented by ill health from assisting me. This little flock has in it a few zealous souls, but through want of regular Church training, they have yet to learn how to "pull together," as well as to make a strong pull. I was grieved to miss from their number one on whom great reliance had been placed for help in the erection of a Church and for the general advancement of the Parish—I mean Maj. John H. Nicholson, a man of much enterprise as well as wealth, and who justly possessed the confidence and friendly regard of all who knew him. An Englishman by birth, and strongly attached to her Church, he entered warmly into the interests of this little congregation, and was preparing to erect a Church at his own cost, when he was unexpectedly called away.

Tuesday, 23d. I preached at Pass Christian, and confirmed ten persons. The condition of this congregation is a healthy one, although their Pastor has necessarily to devote a large portion of his time to his school.

The 25th and 26th were given to Biloxi, where I preached twice and confirmed eleven persons.

My next visit was to Mississippi City, where I spent two days. On Sunday 28th, I preached, confirmed eight persons, and administered the Holy Communion. I was here favorably impressed by an arrangement of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Lurton, for bringing the Bishop and the congregation together in social intercourse. All the families, including the youngest children, were invited to meet at the Rector's house on Saturday, and to bring with them such refreshments as might be partaken of without cere-

mony by young and old. In addition to this informal and social repast, there was a free and unrestrained interchange of friendly greetings on all hands; all unnecessary restraint was laid aside, and it was indeed a day of unmixed pleasure to all. By no one was it more enjoyed than by myself, inasmuch as it not only brought me into personal acquaintance with the older and influential members of the congregation, but enabled me to take by the hand each and all of the little ones, and leave with them a word of love and blessing.

Monday 29th. I preached at Pascagoula in the evening. On account of the rain, the services were held in a private house. *Three* were confirmed. Rev. Mr. Lurton has but recently officiated at this place, but is much encouraged to continue his services.

June 1st and 2nd, were given to Summit. On the former day I preached and confirmed *fifteen* persons, one of them in private. The next day I laid the Corner-Stone of a church to be called "Christ's Church." This interesting ceremony was witnessed by a large and interested assembly, but was unhappily cut short by a fall of rain.

Saturday, 3d, at Oxyka, I addressed the candidates who were to be confirmed the next day. On Sunday I preached, gave the Laying-on-of-hands to *fifteen* persons and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, 6th, I preached at Brookhaven in the evening. The time has not quite come for our Church to take her stand in this place.

June 7th, at Monticello, I baptized *four* colored children, but did not otherwise officiate, as no notice had been given of my coming, and my visit was chiefly to a very aged and estimable member of our Communion, who, though rarely permitted to enjoy our services, cherishes for them an ardent and longing devotion.

Returning to Brookhaven, I preached there again on the 8th.

June 10th and 11th were given to Hazlehurst. An incessant rain on Saturday the 10th, forbade both visiting and the holding of Public Services. On Sunday 11th, notwithstanding the rain, I preached to a large congregation, baptized *five* adults and *two* children, and confirmed *seven* persons.—Nearly an equal number, living a few miles from the place, were prevented by the rain from being confirmed at the same time. It was to me a cause for surprise as well as thankfulness to see the earnest zeal with which a number have taken up the cause of the Church in this place. I was, on that same evening, to have preached at Crystal Springs, but was prevented by the continuance of the rain.

Monday, 12th, I baptized at Crystal Springs *two* adults, and *one* infant.

Tuesday, 13th, at Dry Grove, I was met by Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. Messrs. Green and Forrester, in addition to the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Douglas. Assisted by them, I admitted Heber O. Crane, to the office of Deacon. The sermon was, by request, preached by Rev. Duncan C. Green. The Holy Communion was administered; and after a recess, the services were resumed. The newly ordained Deacon preached, and *one* person was confirmed.

Wednesday, 14th, at Terry, Mr. Forrester preached, and I baptized *two* adults, and then confirmed them. I afterwards returned to Hazlehurst, where Services were held in the afternoon, and Mr. Green preached. At 8 o'clock, I

preached, baptized *two* adults, and confirmed *twelve*. One half of these had come from the Hazlehurst congregation, having been prevented by the rain from coming forward the previous Sunday, when confirmation was administered at that place.

Friday, 16th. At Canton, I preached, and confirmed *one* person, and in the afternoon baptized *one* infant in private.

Saturday, 17th, preached at Oxford, and baptized *one* adult. The next day preached, and, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Carnahan, consecrated the Church to the service of Almighty God by the name of "St. Peter's." This truly Churchly Building had been finished and used for more than ten years, but had not been fully paid for. Through the generous contributions of a few friends, (among whom was the builder himself, the only creditor,) the debt had just been extinguished, and the building made free to be set apart for God's service. In the evening I preached again, and confirmed *two* persons.

Monday, 19th. At Corinth, after preaching in the evening, I baptized *one* adult, and confirmed *two*.

Tuesday, 20th, preached in Iuka, baptized *one* adult, and gave the Laying-on-of-hands to *two* persons. The next day I baptized another adult in private, and afterwards confirmed her.

Thursday, 22d. Returned to my family after an absence of three months and a half.

Sunday, June 25th, in St. Augustine's Chapel, at the University of the South, I admitted my youngest son, Stephen H. Green, to the Holy Order of Deacon. The candidate was presented by Rev. F. A. Shoup, and the sermon, at my request, was by Rt. Rev. Bishop of Texas. Blessed be God for thus honoring me by letting another of my sons serve at His Altar.

During my summer's sojourn at the University, it was my privilege to officiate occasionally in the Chapel services, and to witness from day to day the healthy growth of this most important Institution of the Church. Its full value can be estimated by those only who have the opportunity of witnessing its strict, but paternal discipline, its well-arranged course of study, and the beauty and impressiveness of the daily as well as the Sunday services of the Chapel—services which, for their simplicity, their conformity with the true spirit of our Ritual, and their devotional effect on all who participate in them, are, with scarcely an exception, justly admired by all.

The month of October was employed in attendance on the sittings of the House of Bishops in General Convention; and I cannot bless God sufficiently for permitting me to take part in, as well as to look upon such a meeting of hearts and minds, bent altogether as they were, on the unity and advancement of the Church. Desponding spirits within, as well as evil eyes without, had looked to that Convention as the time when the extreme views of a few in our Communion would culminate in the breaking up of our boasted unity, and under the much-abused name of Charity, bringing our divinely-commissioned Priesthood and our Evangelical and time-honored Ritual to a conformity with the questionable Orders, the uncatholic Faith, and the unimpressive worship of many around us. So far were these groundless fears and ill-concealed hopes from being gratified, that it seems if the Divine

Head of the Church had reserved to Himself that occasion for cementing more closely the bond of our Ecclesiastical union, for teaching us the true value of our privileges, for showing us the inconsiderable nature of our differences, for attaching us more firmly to our Faith, for cheering us with the exhibition of our rapidly increasing strength and thus inciting us to increased diligence in serving Him.

It may truly be affirmed that, no previous Convention had ever done as much for the peace and prosperity of our Church, or exemplified more clearly the unity and strength with which we are blessed. The good effect of its deliberations are already seen in a better understanding of the offices in our Prayer Book, in the softening of former prejudices, in drawing together many who had needlessly and mistakingly differed, and in exhibiting to the world our unbroken unity and strength.

On my return from the Convention, I remained three days only with my family, and on the 3d of November, set out on my fall visitation.

November 4th. At Iuka, I preached in the evening, after spending the day in visiting. I was glad to learn that two zealous friends of the Church had resolved to commence work at once upon the Church, and push it forward as far as their means would allow. The next day, (Sunday, 5th,) after addressing the Sunday School, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized an adult; and in the evening, preached again and confirmed *six* persons.

Monday, 6th. Preached in Corinth, and the next day, united a couple in holy matrimony.

Wednesday, 8th. I preached at Pontotoc in the evening, and the next day, both in the forenoon and at night, baptizing *four* children.

Three days, 11th, 12th and 13th, were spent in Okolona. On the 12th, I preached, baptized *one* adult, and administered the Holy Communion. At night, preached again and confirmed *two*.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 14th and 15th, were given to Aberdeen. On the 14th, I preached both forenoon and afternoon, baptizing *one* adult, confirming *six* persons, and administering the Holy Communion. I also baptized *one* infant in private, at the close of the day's services.

Friday, 17th. I preached at West Point, on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, baptized *three* adults and *three* infants, and confirmed *two* persons. This is a growing and prosperous place, but has hitherto enjoyed only an occasional visit from our faithful Missionary, Rev. H. C. Harris. I was therefore thankful for being able to leave with them the Rev. Joseph E. Brown, (Deacon,) whom I had brought with me from the Diocese of Maryland, and who is to divide his services between West Point and Okolona. He will also take part in an excellent Female School at this place, presided over by a highly-educated and pious lady of our Communion.

Three days, 18th, 19th and 20th, were spent in Columbus. Sunday, the 19th, I preached, and raised the Rev. Joseph E. Brown, Deacon, to the higher degree of the Priesthood, the Rev. Messrs. H. C. Harris and Joseph L. Tucker being present and assisting. I at the same time baptized *two* children. In the afternoon, I preached again, and confirmed *two* persons. The condition of this Parish has for some time been at a stand, if not on the decline. A

united and efficient Vestry is now in charge of its interests; and I am truly glad to learn that the Rev. Mr. Tucker, who has heretofore been able to give but a portion of his time to the welfare of the congregation, has taken full charge of the Parish, and will hereafter devote himself exclusively to its advancement. After spending two more days in visiting from house to house, I confirmed *one* person in private.

November 21st. I preached in Macon, both forenoon and at night, confirmed *five* persons and administered the Holy Communion. This place stands in need of much more of the services of the Church than Mr. Harris, with his extensive Missionary field, is able to give them.

Thursday, 23d. Preached at the Church of the Messiah, Noxubee county, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized an infant at the house of its grand-parents. This little flock, though never otherwise than small in number, has been greatly reduced in its circumstances through deaths and removals, as well as from the impoverishing results of our late war. A few zealous spirits remain, whose love for the Church, and whose hearty welcome of their Bishop make it a real pleasure to him to visit them.

Friday, 24th. A part of this day was spent at Scooba, with a former and much-loved Parishioner, and the remainder, in visiting, a few miles distant, an excellent member of our Communion, who had not long before been deprived of her husband.

The 26th and 27th were spent in Meridian. I preached to a large congregation in the court house, baptized *two* children, and administered the Holy Communion. All that is wanting to give the Church a strong position in this place, is a noble Layman to step forward, and draw together, and take the lead in a work that now is sadly at a stand, but is, I believe, destined, ere long, to prosper, and prosper abundantly.

Tuesday, 28th. I preached at Enterprise, baptised *one* adult and *one* infant, confirmed *four*, and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, 29th. I preached at Qultman, confirmed *two*, and administered the Holy Communion.

At State Line, on the 30th, I preached in the house of my much-esteemed friend and brother, Col. Geo. S. Gaines, baptized *one* adult, confirmed *two*, and administered the Holy Communion. The next day was enjoyed as a day of needed rest under this hospitable roof.

My next visit was due to Brandon, where I preached Sunday, Dec. 3d, both forenoon and at night, to large congregations. This Parish, with its beautiful Church, which is now enjoying only one Ministerial service in the month, ought speedily to unite with one other in sharing the ministrations of a Clergyman between them.

The 9th, 10th and 11th were given to Canton. Sunday, the 10th, I preached both forenoon and at night, and confirmed *three* persons. The next day I baptized an infant in private.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 14th-17th, were given to Jackson. Besides visiting a number of families, I preached twice on Sunday, the 17th, catechised the Sunday School, and confirmed *four* persons. *One* other was

confirmed in private the next day. Also on Tuesday, the 19th, I baptized *one* infant in the church.

Wednesday, 20th, was spent in the examination of Rev. Henry Forrester Deacon, for Priest's Orders, which was mainly conducted by Rev. Dr. Crane and Rev. Mr. Carnahan.

December 23d-25th, was given to Grenada, to which place the Rev. Stephen H. Green had been called since his Ordination to the Diaconate in June. Besides much visiting from house to house, I preached on Sunday, the 24th, in the forenoon, gave authoritative baptism to three adults, (two of whom had previously received it only *in form*,) confirmed five persons, and administered the Holy Communion. On Monday, 25th, (Christmas Day) I preached again, gave like authoritative baptism to one adult, confirmed *two* and administered the Holy Communion.

December 26th. Being unexpectedly called home by an afflicting dispensation in my family, I remained only four days, and then resumed my visitation.

January 5th, 1872. Arriving at Vicksburg an hour before light, I spent that and the next day in visiting a number of families in both congregations. On Sunday, the 7th, I preached at 11 o'clock, in the Church of the Holy Trinity. At night I officiated in Christ Church, when *ten* persons received the Laying-on-of-hands. The next day I preached, and also confirmed *two* others in the same Church. I was thankful to find both of these large Parishes in a lively and growing condition.

January 11th I spent at Diamond Place, but did not preach, as no notice had been received of my coming.

January 12th. Preached at Grand Gulf in an old warehouse, and confirmed *two* persons. There are many friends of the Church in and around this place, who would rejoice in more frequent ministrations than Rev. Mr. Johnston is now able to give them.

Saturday, 13th, was spent in visiting the brethren in Port Gibson.

Sunday, 14th. Rode to Epiphany Church and preached to a small congregation; returning to Port Gibson, I preached in the evening, confirming *three*. The next two days were devoted to visiting the remaining families of the congregation.

The 18th and 19th were spent in Rodney, where I preached and baptized *one* infant.

Saturday, 20th, I reached Church Hill, expecting to preach, but found that there was no general expectation of my being there on that day. In the evening I baptized *two* children in private. Next day (Sunday, 21st,) preached and confirmed *one* person, and baptized *one* infant in the evening.

Sunday, 21st. Preached; confirmed *one* person; administered the Holy Communion, and in the evening baptized *one* child in private. This once prosperous Parish is still without a Pastor, and mainly for want of a Rectory. I preached again on Tuesday, and before I left, had visited most of the families of the congregation.

I cannot refrain from here paying a well-deserved tribute to the memory of a member of this Parish, whom I missed, with no little feeling, from her accustomed seat in the congregation. I mean Mrs. Martha Miller, widow of

the late Rector, Rev. Benjamin B. Miller, who had, but a few weeks before my arrival, gone to her rest, and I may confidently add, to the reaping of a great reward. After more than twenty years' acquaintance with this beloved Sister in Christ, I can truly say that I have never known a person whose heart and mind were more truly given to God, or whose hand, according to the ability granted her, was more full of good works. Much and long will she be missed in that Parish, especially by the young, for whose spiritual welfare her labors and prayers were incessant, and many of whom will long remember her as a spiritual mother whose teachings and exhortations first led them to Christ.

Thursday, 25th. On my way to Washington I baptized *four* colored children. And truly thankful was I for this opportunity of bringing into the Kingdom of God even so small a number of a race that seems destined by a mysterious Providence to become the devotees of a fanatical and lawless religion. I arrived at Washington in a storm of snow and sleet. As no congregation could meet me at the Church, I lectured to a few in a private house; baptized *one* adult and *one* infant, and confirmed *two* persons. Next day, on my way to Natchez, I baptized another infant.

The *27th, 28th, 29th* and *30th* were given to Natchez, and mostly spent in visiting from house to house. On Sunday, *28th*, after addressing the Sunday School, I preached, confirmed *twelve*, and, assisted by the Rector, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I preached again.

March 1st to 4th was spent in St. Paul's Parish, Woodville. On Saturday, the *3d*, I made an address to the children of the congregation assembled in the Church for that purpose. The next day, after catechising the Sunday Scholars, I preached, confirmed *twelve* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. *One* more was afterwards confirmed in private. As large a portion of these five days was spent in visiting as the extremely unfavorable condition of the weather would admit. I was glad to see this once wealthy and prosperous Parish waking up to a new life under the labors of its young Rector.

My next appointment was for Summit, where I arrived near midnight on the *8th*. The next day, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Douglas and Carnahan, and the Rev. H. C. Duncan, of Louisiana, I raised the Rev. Henry Forrester (Deacon) to the higher Order of the Priesthood. The candidate was presented by Rev. Mr. Carnahan, and the sermon preached by myself. This is a growing Parish. A large and becoming Church, though yet unfinished, bears witness to the zealous labors of its Rector and to the liberality of the congregation, among whom it is but justice to name Col. Wm. H. Garland, who, I regret to add, has lately removed with his family to another Diocese. Two persons were confirmed. At the request of the Rector, I appointed Mr. William Cunningham as a Lay Reader in the Parish.

Saturday, February 10th. I passed down to Osyka. After service in the evening, I addressed the congregation on the important and interesting relation of Pastor and People, as Mr. Forrester had on that day taken the Parish under his Pastoral care. The next day (Sunday, *11th*,) preached both forenoon and afternoon, confirmed *five*, and returned to Summit at night. This little flock, which but a short time ago was in a depressed condition, seems now springing into a new life.

Monday, 12th. After service at Summit, I united with Mr. Forrester in inculcating on the congregation the duties which they owed to their Pastor and to themselves as an organized portion of the Church of Christ.

Tuesday, 13th. Assisted by Rev. Mr. Forrester, I held service at Brookhaven in the Methodist Church, which had been kindly tendered me. The congregation was very small, as very imperfect notice had been given. At night I preached again to a large congregation, composed chiefly of the pupils of Whitworth Female College. The next day a worthy member of the Methodist Communion generously presented to me one of the most eligible lots in the whole place for the erection of a Church. No finer field could be found for the labors of one of our young Clergy than in this and one or more of the neighboring stations on this road.

Thursday, 15th. reached Hazlehurst, where I was met by Rev. W. Carnahan, who has for some time been officiating at this place, Crystal Springs and Terry, on this road. I preached on Saturday night, after spending that and the previous day in visiting.

Sunday, 18th. I preached again in the Presbyterian Church, generously offered for our services. *Six* were confirmed and the Holy Communion administered. *One* more was confirmed at the evening service.

Monday, 19th. I preached at Crystal Springs at night, and confirmed *one*. The next day I preached again and administered the Holy Communion.

Thursday, 22d. I preached at Terry, confirmed *fourteen*, and, assisted by Rev. Mr. Carnahan, administered the Holy Communion. The number confirmed on this occasion gives good evidence of the faithful labor which its Pastor has bestowed upon it, as well as upon Crystal Springs and Hazlehurst.

My next appointment was for a place called Midway, a few miles distant from Dry Grove. Through the zealous labors of one or two members of that Parish, a Sunday School had been here got together, and for some time successfully taught. I preached at night on the 23d to a small congregation, and next day to a larger one. Our services were rather new to the people, and were listened to with much apparent interest.

Sunday, 25th. preached at Dry Grove, both forenoon and afternoon, and confirmed *one* person. I was glad to find that the Rectory had been thoroughly repaired since my last visit, and that the Rector was successfully engaged in his two-fold and most important engagements as Pastor and Instructor of some who are looking forward to the Ministry. The number of of the Postulants is small as yet, but we may look with confidence to an increase, if each Clergyman will diligently search out such pious aspirants among his people.

Tuesday, 27th. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Douglas I rode to Bolton with the intention of preaching, but found no place in which our services could be held. The 28th and 29th were given to Bovina, where I preached and confirmed *two*. I was prevented from visiting by a continuous rain.

March 1st. In Vicksburg I confirmed in private *three* persons belonging to the Church of the Holy Trinity. The next day, after a short address to the candidates and congregation, I confirmed *twelve* in Christ Church. That night I reached Raymond, and preached to a good congregation. The

next day (Sunday, 3d,) preached again, assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Douglas. In the afternoon I rode to Clinton, preached at night, and baptized two children.

Monday, 4th, preached at Jackson in the evening, and confirmed eight persons.

Tuesday, 5th, I preached at Brandon both forenoon and afternoon, baptized two adults, who were afterward confirmed.

Wednesday, 6th, preached at Canton, confirmed one, and administered the Holy Communion. I was here assisted by the Rev. Mr. Carnahan, who was just entering upon his charge of the Parish.

Friday, 8th, I confirmed one person in Christ Church, Vicksburg, as I passed on to Yazoo City, accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Crane and Sansom, who were to assist me in the Consecration of the new Church just erected in that city. This interesting ceremony took place on Sunday, the 10th. The sermon was, at my request, preached by Rev. Dr. Sansom; after which, eight persons were confirmed. Much praise is due to the Rev. Mr. Christian for his persevering efforts to accomplish this work, and for the chaste and becoming style in which it has been executed.

Tuesday, 12th, I reached Kirkwood, and preached the next day, confirming two. I was much shocked on my arrival at hearing of the injury which their Rector, Rev. Mr. Presbury, had lately received by being thrown from a carriage. His condition was indeed one that should call for the sympathy and the prayers of his brethren. What its issue will be none can tell.

Friday, 15th, I preached in Lexington. Sunday, 17th, preached again both forenoon and evening, and during the day confirmed three persons in private.

Monday, 18th, preached at Acona. and confirmed one person.

Tuesday, 19th, preached in Calvary Church. This Parish has suffered greatly from deaths and removals within the last few years.

Wednesday, 20th, preached to a small number at the house of a valued friend, whose infirmities have long prevented his attendance on the house of God.

March 22d, I was to have preached at Valden, but was hindered by an unceasing and heavy fall of rain. This did not prevent me, however, from baptizing two adults and confirming four in private.

Saturday, 23d. At Winona I preached, both forenoon and at night, confirming one person and baptizing one infant. This is a growing place, and would give full employment to half the time of a Minister. Connected with one or more of the adjoining stations, it presents an inviting field for Missionary labor.

Sunday, 24th, preached in Grenada, both forenoon and afternoon, confirmed three, and administered the Holy Communion. On Tuesday I confirmed a couple in private, and baptized their newly-born infant. On Wednesday, after morning service, I baptized and confirmed one person.

My next visit was to Charleston, Tallahatchie county, where I spent four days. On Saturday, the 30th, I preached in the forenoon, and was to have preached again, but was prevented by unfavorable weather. At night I baptized in private one adult and two children. I take pleasure in stating that

the person thus receiving the baptism of the *Church* had previously received that right in its forms from two of the *Denominations*.

Sunday, 31st, Easter Day, I preached, confirmed *four* persons, baptized *one* adult and *one* infant, and administered the Holy Communion. The adult baptized at this time, I am glad to say, is a young man of excellent character, who is looking to the Ministry in our Church. There are, in this place, several earnest-minded members of our Church, and I feel sure that, if the regular services of a Missionary could be procured, a large portion of the town would gladly unite in his support.

Monday, April 1st, I preached in the afternoon at Batesville, a station on the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad, which has gradually become incorporated with the adjoining town of Panola. The congregation was small, but was much larger when I preached again at night. Here again is encouraging ground for the labors of a Missionary.

The next three days, 3d, 4th and 5th, were spent in Sardis, where I preached three successive nights in the court house, and also baptized *one* adult and *one* infant. The Rev. Wm. Mitchell, D. D., having resigned the charge of this place, and the Rev. Mr. Spiers having very recently come in his stead, there were no candidates prepared for confirmation; but I was much gratified to find that the few friends of the Church are unremitting in their endeavors to build a Church. Before I left them, a Parish was duly organized by the name of the Church of the Redeemer; an efficient Vestry appointed, and Deputies elected to meet us in our present Council.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 6th, 7th and 8th, were given to Como, six miles further up the railroad. On Sunday I preached in the Masonic Lodge, to a large congregation, baptized *one* adult and *six* children, confirmed *five*, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized *one* adult and *one* child, and confirmed *one* person. At the conclusion of the forenoon services, quite a number of the friends and members of the Church united in organizing a Parish to be called the "Church of the Holy Innocents." A Vestry was also duly appointed. A very eligible lot had the day previous been presented for the erection of a Church, and there is no doubt but that a sufficient sum can readily be obtained for the purpose. Being detained at this place two days longer by the breaking up of the railroad, I united a couple in matrimony, on the 10th.

The next day, on my way to Hernando, I baptized and confirmed a young man in the last stage of consumption, and also administered to him the Holy Communion.

Friday, 12th. I preached in Hernando, and confirmed *four* persons. Four days were spent in this place, and repeated services were held. On Sunday, the 14th, I preached twice, *two* were confirmed, and the Holy Communion administered. On Monday, by request, I preached again, when *three* adults were baptized, and *four* confirmed.

My next appointment was for Davis' Mills, a station on the Central railroad; but owing to my unavoidable detention at Como, I had to pass that place by, or else have given up the greater part of my services at Hernando.

Thursday, 18th. I preached at Lamar, to a very small congregation. Many others were prevented from attending by a fearful storm of rain and hail,

which came upon them on their way. I was assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Pickett.

The 19th, 20th and 21st, were given to the Parish of St. John's, Early Grove. On Saturday, the 20th, I preached, baptized *four* adults, and confirmed *one*. Before service I baptized *one* colored child in private; and in the afternoon baptized *one* white infant in like manner. Sunday, 21st, I preached to a very large congregation, baptized *two* children and *five* adults, and confirmed *six* persons. In the evening I baptized *one* adult in private. An active young minister, unencumbered with a family, might do a good work in this Parish. They have been without any services since the departure of Rev. Mr. Douglas, a year ago.

Four days, 24th-28th, were spent in Oxford. I preached four times, baptized *four* children, confirmed *five* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. The life of this congregation has, for some years, been preserved by the labors of a faithful and untiring Lay Reader. But, notwithstanding the universal confidence reposed in him, and the increasing interest taken in his services, I was glad to see in the congregation generally, an earnest desire for a Pastor Divinely commissioned to dispense to them the Ordinances as well as the Word of God. In order to meet this want, I urged upon the Vestry the importance of immediately building a Rectory; and sincerely hope that my earnest advice to them may not be in vain.

The next two days were spent in seeking needed rest under the roof of my son, at Grenada. Whilst there I administered the Holy Communion at 7 A. M., in his house, to his family and such of the Brethren as were prepared to attend.

Thursday, May 2d. I passed up to Water Valley, where I remained four days, preached five times, baptized *five* adults and *two* infants, confirmed *nine* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In the services of Sunday, the 5th, I was assisted by my son, Rev. Stephen H. Green. It was to me a very gratifying sight to see the zeal of this little flock, and how nobly they had exerted themselves in providing for their spiritual needs, notwithstanding the entire absence of anything like wealth among them. Their Church, though small and not quite completed, confers much credit upon them.

I thus bring to a close the Journal of my labors since our last assembling in Council. It has been to me a year of *much labor*, but relieved by many hearty welcomes, and cheered by witnessing an increasing readiness on the part of many to consider our claims, as well as a growing zeal among our own people, to promote the welfare of their respective Parishes by more united action among themselves, and by the labor of their own hands. Every Parish and Missionary Station has been visited, except two; which were almost unavoidably omitted. I have remained from two to six days at each place, going from house to house, when not engaged in the services of the Sanctuary. Within the last six months I have preached one hundred and twenty times, in addition to several addresses. If but little has been accomplished for God, it is owing to the weakness of the instrument, more than to the strength of what had to be overcome. Brethren, pray for me, that I may be useful and faithful unto death.

The baptisms which I have performed have been : Of adults, *sixty*, and of infants, *seventy-three*, nine of which were colored.

Three hundred and twenty-seven have received the Laying-on-of-hands.

Two of our late candidates for Holy Orders—Heber O. Crane and Stephen H. Green, have been admitted to the Diaconate; and the Rev. Messrs. James P. Lytton, James S. Johnston, Joseph E. Brown, and Henry Forrester have been raised to the Order of the Priesthood.

Two Churches have been connected, one at Oxford, the other in Yazoo City. Ten others are in various stages of completion, and will ere long be ready to be set apart for God in like manner, viz: at Vicksburg, Summit, Grenada, Jackson, Greenville, Macon, Crystal Springs, Water Valley, Iuka and Bovina.

Six Parishes have been organized, viz: Church of the Redeemer, at Sardis; Church of the Holy Innocents, at Como; St. Mary's Church, Lexington; Church of the Advent, Acona; St. Stephen's Church, Hazlehurst, and Church of the Mediator, East Pascagoula.

Two additional Lay Readers have been appointed, viz: Mr. Wm. Cunningham, for Summit, and Mr. Leon Dunnica, for Osyka.

To the list of our Clergy there have been added the names of Rev. Joseph E. Brown, Rev. Heber O. Crane, Rev. Stephen H. Green, and Rev. Wm. S. Spiers. Of the number reported at our last Council, one, the Rev. Ambrose W. Clark, has passed from labor to the rest that remaineth for the people of God; and four have been transferred to other Dioceses, viz: the Rev. George C. Harris, to Tennessee; Rev. Albert Lyon, to Texas; and Rev. Wm. Mitchell, D. D., and Rev. George W. Stickney, to Illinois. But few changes have taken place in the position of our Clergy. Rev. Joseph E. Brown, received from the Diocese of Maryland, is engaged in a Female School, at West Point, Lowndes county, and is also in charge of Grace Church, Okolona.

Rev. Mr. Carnahan has become the Rector of Grace Church Canton.

Rev. Heber O. Crane, after ministering for some time at Hernando, and parts adjacent, has been compelled, from an affection of his eyes to suspend his labors.

Rev. Henry Forrester has become the Rector of Christ Church, Summit, and Church of the Saviour, Osyka.

Rev. Duncan C. Green has taken charge of St. James' Church, Greenville.

Rev. Stephen H. Green is Rector of Grace Chapel, Grenada, and ministers also to the Church of the Nativity, Water Valley.

Rev. Wm. S. Spiers, though not regularly received into the Diocese, is laboring successfully at Hernando, and Sardis and Como.

Of the list of Candidates for the Ministry reported last year, one—Henry U. McKinney, has, with my approval, withdrawn his name; and two others by engaging in secular pursuits, and failing to report themselves are likely to forfeit their claim to be any longer considered as candidates. Two names have been added, viz: O. V. Shearer and Tullius C. Tupper.

The list now consists of the following. Duncan Savage, Wm. H. Trezevant, Wm. Barnes Cooper, Stephen H. Granberry, R. Hylton Prosser, John D. H. Browne, Samuel W. E. Pegues, O. V. Shearer, Tullius C. Tupper.

After thus laying before you, Brethren, a statistical view of our present condition, I feel bound to accompany it with the expression of my hope and belief that a brighter day is about to dawn upon us. The evidence of this is to be seen in the increasing zeal both in the Clergy and Laity for the advancement of their respective Parishes. If an equal interest could be shown for objects of a Diocesan and more general character, our progress would be greatly promoted. I have seen with much satisfaction the willingness of our people, and especially the women of our congregations, to devote not only their time, but the labor of their hands, to meet the several wants of the Church. In doing this, they have been led by the spirit of the times to adopt sundry modern expedients for exciting the interest of the public in their respective charities, and of thus increasing their means of doing good. Of these devices of Charity, I will only say that, when conducted soberly, honestly, and with the ever present thought that the work is for God, I am not prepared to set my face against them. That there are evils, however to be carefully guarded against in carrying out these well meant endeavors must be evident to all who have attempted them. Whilst some of these attendant evils would call at once for general disapproval, I feel it my duty to draw the attention of these zealous sons and daughters of the Church, to one which I hope will henceforth meet with no favor in any of our Parishes;—I mean Raffles and Lotteries, and all such devices as constitute a game of chance, or what may properly be styled a thoughtless and unjustifiable appeal to the Divine Providence. Whatever may be said in defence of these things by men of the world, it is not for us to either sanction or recommend them by our example. God grant that the time may soon come when the love of Christ and a consciousness that all we have belongs to God, shall render unnecessary, any and all such devices to fill the treasury of the Church.

In bringing to your notice the present condition and prospects of the University of the South, I cannot speak more satisfactorily than by quoting the following extract from a letter which has just reached me from one who has been intimately acquainted with the Institution from its foundation:

“Our present term, says this writer, has opened very satisfactorily. The number of students, notwithstanding the pressure upon the country, is about the same as last year. A larger proportion of them are in the University course, and the grade of studies is much higher. Excellent order prevails, with a closer attention to study than ever heretofore. Our accommodations are much enlarged as well as improved, and everything is going on well. We need money, however, for general purposes, and to meet the appropriations of the Board.” From this same letter I was grieved to learn that the Advent offerings for the current wants of the Institution had been received from but few of our Parishes. Brethren, both of the Clergy and Laity, I could hardly find words to express the importance of that Institution to the welfare and advancement of this Diocese, and of the whole South. As I have already said, those only who have seen its workings, its wholesome discipline, its beautiful Ritual, its judicious course of study, its freedom from temptation to vice and extravagance, and the moral atmosphere which embraces the whole, can form any just estimate of its value to either the Church or the country.

I regret to state that very little has been received since our last Council for the benefit of the widows and children of our deceased Clergy.

With regard to my "residence;" although I announced at our last Council that Vicksburg would henceforth be my home, rather than subject the Diocese to the expense of hiring and furnishing a house, I have spent my eight months of labor in passing from Parish to Parish, thus doubling the time heretofore given to each of them. Whether my remaining strength will enable me to continue this amount of labor, God only knows.

Having brought to your notice the late meeting of the General Convention, I feel bound to speak of the death of one whose gifted intellect and deep devotion seemed almost to hallow as well as enlighten that assembly. I mean the late Bishop Davis of South Carolina, a man of whose faithful labors, and sanctified life it would be difficult to speak in terms of extravagance. Fortunately for his Diocese, as if in anticipation of his sudden removal, there had been chosen as his Assistant, one of like spirit, and with more of physical ability to bear the burden of the Episcopate. The mantle of the blind old Bishop could hardly have fallen on shoulders more worthy to wear it than those of his favorite Presbyter, Rev. W. B. W. Howe, D. D., who was set apart to the Apostolic office during the sitting of our Convention. Since the adjournment of that Body, another Bishop has been consecrated for a newly formed Diocese, in the interior of Pennsylvania. And I am thankful to add that one could scarcely have been chosen more worthy of the place. In the Rev. M. A. DeWolfe Howe, D. D., there was known to be a sound head and a true heart, together with the superadded claim of having long and faithfully proved his zeal for Christ by a life of uncommon as well as successful labor.

I will detain you no longer, Brethren, except to offer up my heartfelt thanks to the Giver of all grace for having thus far made us of one heart, and of one mind, and to pray that He may, by His Holy Spirit, direct our present counsels to the higher glory of His name and the increased prosperity of the work He has given us to do.

Your loving Bishop, under Christ.

W. M. GREEN,

APPENDIX B.

The Registrar of the Diocese begs leave respectfully to report to the Bishop and Council : He has, during the past year, devoted considerable time to the collection of journals, pamphlets and other printed matter throwing light on the history of the Church in America, especially in this Diocese, with some success. He begs of his brethren of the Clergy, and also of the Laity, to send to the Registrar such documents as may be in their possession.

The subject of recent Church history is now attracting much attention. The simple publication of the Registrar's name in the Journal of Council has brought him very many letters from Diocesan Secretaries and compilers of Church statistics, indicating a great spirit of inquiry in the Church at large.

There is a vast amount of printed matter which comes into the possession of every Clergyman, too cumbersome to be preserved in private libraries, but which, if filed, indexed and placed in some central depository, would make a collection of great value.

WM. K. DOUGLAS,
Registrar of Diocese of Mississippi.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi:

May 9, 1872: At the last report, April, 1871, the Diocese was in arrears to the Bishop in the sum of \$1,287 90. One year's interest due, \$128 76. Salary for current year, \$3,000; making the sum total due, \$4,416 36. There has been paid him \$3,189 55. This leaves a balance due the Bishop on account of his salary, \$1,226 81 for the current year just ended.

The following is the statement of account with Parishes:

No.	CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	ASSES'D	PAID.
1	Christ Church	Vicksburg	\$350 00	\$350 00
2	Trinity Church	Natchez	350 00	350 00
3	St. Andrew's Church	Jackson	250 00	183 40
4	Christ Church	Holly Springs	181 00	114 00
5	St. Paul's Church	Columbus	170 00	281 00
6	Grace Church	Canton	150 00	75 00
7	St. Luke's Church	Brandon	85 00	70 00
8	Trinity Church	Yazoo City	100 00	100 00
9	St. Peter's Church	Oxford	100 00	100 00
10	Christ Church	Church Hill	125 00	72 00
11	Church of the Holy Trinity	Vicksburg	350 00	175 00
12	St. John's Church	Aberdeen	75 00	84 40
13	St. Paul's Church	Woodville	100 00	59 20
14	St. James' Church	Grand Gulf & Port Gibson	75 00	90 30
15	Epiphany Church	Claiborne county	35 00	20 50
16	Church of the Holy Comforter	Dry Grove	60 00	57 00
17	Chapel of the Cross	Madison county	40 00	
18	Grace Church	Carrollton	40 00	
19	Church of the Mediator	Meridian	50 00	28 00
20	St. Philip's Church	Kirkwood	25 00	15 00
21	Grace Chapel	Grenada	50 00	50 00
22	Ascension Church	Hernando	40 00	70 00
23	Calvary Church	Holmes county	60 00	93 00
24	Christ Church	Summit	60 00	100 75
25	St. Alban's Church	Bovina	40 00	40 00
26	St. Mark's Church	Raymond	40 00	40 00
27	Church at	Enterprise	20 00	20 00
28	Church of the Messiah	Shuqualak	15 00	10 00
29	Church of the Good Shepherd	Terry	45 00	70 00
30	St. John's Church	Lake Washington	50 00	95 00
31	St. Andrew's Church	Marshall county	30 00	30 00
32	St. John's Church	Early Grove	40 00	20 00
33	St. Stephen's Church	Panola	25 00	
34	St. Stephen's Church	Clinton	25 00	
35	St. Jude's Church	Corinth	25 00	20 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

No.	CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	ASSES'D.	PAID.
36	Grace Church.....	Okolona.....	\$ 30 00	
37	Church of the Communion...	Warren county.....	20 00	\$ 20 00
38	St. Mark's Church.....	Mississippi City.....	12 00	15 00
39	St. Luke's Church.....	Shieldsboro.....	5 00	10 00
40	Trinity Church.....	Pass Christian.....	100 00	100 00
41	Trinity Church.....	Crystal Springs.....	10 00	
42	Missionary Stations.....		50 00	
43	St. James' Church.....	Greenville.....	50 00	104 75
44	Missions at.....	Scobba.....	50 00	
45	Church at.....	Water Valley.....	45 00	12 25
46	Church at.....	Osyka.....	30 00	25 00
	Received from Mr. Shelds.....			19 00
Total.....			\$3677 00	\$3189 55

Amount collected from assessments.....\$3,189 55

There has been remitted to this office and paid the Bishop from the assessment for the past current year, the sum of \$3,189 55, which leaves a balance due him of \$1,226 81 for the current year just ended.

No mention need be made of arrearages due by the delinquent Parishes, as the same is understood to be remitted, and the balance due the Bishop is agreed and understood to be paid him at an early day by voluntary contributions.

No reports have been received at this office during the current year from those parishes not credited with any payments.

Notes due the Episcopal Fund, remain the same as last year, and are worthless.

The foregoing report shows the amount of collections from each Parish during the current year, and the same paid the Bishop, and showing a balance due him for salary to this date of \$1,226 81, which, it is hoped, will be provided for as understood, at a very early day, and paid to our venerable and much loved Bishop, as we all know his necessities, and the duty we owe to ourselves as well as to him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. KLEIN, TREASURER.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE COUNCIL.

DUNCAN C. GREEN, Treasurer.

In Account with the Council. Dr.

1871.	Cash on hand.....	\$46 27
	By Cash from	
April 27—	Christ Church, Vicksburg.....	\$45 00
	Christ Church, Holly Springs.....	20 00
	St. Andrews' Church, Jackson.....	35 00
	St. Peters' Church, Oxford.....	12 00
	Trinity Church, Yazoo City.....	10 00
	Christ Church, Summit.....	10 00
	Church of the Saviour, Osyka.....	5 00
	Church of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg.....	12 00
	Port Gibson, and Grand Gulf.....	10 00
	Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove.....	10 00
	Trinity Church, Natchez.....	45 00
	Chapel of the Cross, Madison county.....	5 00
	St. Albans' Church, Bovina.....	8 00
	Christ Church, Church Hill.....	12 00
	St. Pauls' Church, Woodville.....	15 50
	Church of the Ascension, Hernando.....	5 00
May 14—	Grace Chapel, Grenada.....	5 00
	St. Phillips' Church, Kirkwood.....	10 00
	St. James' Church, Greenville.....	5 00
June 1—	St. Andrews' Church, Lamar.....	5 00
" 8—	Grace Church, Carrollton.....	5 00
" 10—	St. Judes' Church, Corinth.....	5 00
	St. Marks' Church, Mississippi City.....	5 00
	St. Lukes' Church, Brandon.....	10 00
	Calvary Church, Holmes County.....	10 00
" 26—	Enterprise.....	5 00
	St. Matthews' Church, Clinton.....	2 00
	Grace Church, Canton.....	15 00
	St. Johns' Church, Aberdeen.....	8 10
	St. Judes' Church, Corinth.....	5 00
	Church of the Epiphany, Claiborne County.....	5 00
	Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry.....	5 00
	St. Lukes' Church, Shieldsboro.....	5 00
	Scooba.....	5 00
	Total.....	\$420 87

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1871		
May 1—	Sexton Trinity Church.....	\$ 7 00
	Stationery.....	2 50
	Freight on Books for Diocese.....	9 95

Power & Barksdale, Publishers.....	285 00
Distributing Journals.....	20 75
Expenses.....	10 00
Treasurer of Gen. Convention.....	87 00
Blanks.....	5 00
Stationery.....	2 10
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Balance due to Treasurer.....	\$ 11 43

THIS PAGE
IS DEDICATED BY THE
Members of the 45th Annual Council
OF THE CHURCH IN THE
DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI,
TO THE BLESSED MEMORY OF
AMBROSE WAYLAND, CLARKE,
LATE RECTOR OF
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ABERDEEN.

Born in Lunenburg, Vt., August 2d, 1832.
Ordained Deacon, Trinity Sunday, A. D. 1861.
Ordained Priest, Trinity Sunday, A. D. 1862.
Entered into Rest October 30th, 1871.

*"Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me
shall never die."*

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS AS ACTED UPON AT THE PRESENT COUNCIL.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America—

ART. III. * * * * *
* * * Provided, That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate unless he be a stated worshiper in the Parish which he represents.

ART. VIII. When, on account of the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious disease, it shall be thought imprudent to hold the Council at the place appointed, the Bishop may change it by giving notice in some newspaper, and notifying the Ministers and Parishes.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article except at the Annual Meetings of the Council; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one Annual Meeting previous to its adoption.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

ART. I. The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. III. * * * * *
* * * Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be an actual member of the Parish which he represents.

ART. VIII. When on account of the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious disease, it shall be thought imprudent to hold the Council at the place appointed, the Bishop may change it by giving notice to each Minister and Parish of the Diocese, either by letter or by a printed circular.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the Annual Meetings of the Council; nor unless such alteration shall have been, upon regular motion, approved at one Annual Meeting and adopted as a whole at a subsequent Stated Meeting of the Council.

CANONS AS AMENDED OR ADOPTED AS A WHOLE.

CANON I.

SECTION 1. Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form a congregation * * * * * and if approved by that body, the Congregation shall be considered as united to the Council and subject to its control.

SEC. 2. Every Parish so organized, shall annually on Easter Monday, or as soon afterwards as may be, elect the same number of Vestrymen, or such number as the Vestry at some meeting, previous to the election have designated, and also shall appoint Delegates to the Council, which Vestrymen shall be stated worshipers in the Church. The Vestry shall as soon as may

be after their election, assemble and appoint two Wardens, a Register and Treasurer; and in case, from any cause, Delegates shall not have been chosen at the Parish Meeting, the Vestry shall, at that time also appoint such Delegates.

CANON IV.

SECTION 8. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Court, the Bishop shall nominate three presbyters for each vacancy, from which the accused shall elect one, to fill the vacancy. If the accused shall fail to elect one, the remaining members of the Court shall elect as aforesaid.

SEC. 13. If from sickness or other necessary cause, any member or members of the Court cannot attend the trial, the accused may elect either to continue the case to such time as the Court may adjourn, or fill the temporary vacancy as provided in section 8.

SEC. 16. If any member of the Court be the party making the presentment, or be connected by consanguinity or affinity with the party making the presentment, or with the accused, or is on the legal affidavit of the person presenting, or of the accused, prejudiced for or against the accused, such member shall not sit at such trial.

Former Canon V. was repealed.

Former Canon VI. was made Canon V.

CANON VI.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

When a Parish shall have become vacant and shall have remained vacant for a space of time greater than three months, and shall have no expectation of soon obtaining a regular Minister, it shall be their duty to inform the Bishop, in order that he may recommend to them a proper person to fill the vacancy, and they shall, at the same time state what means they have for the support of a Minister.

This Canon does not apply to Parishes who receive pecuniary aid from the Missionary Fund of the Diocese.

CANON VII.

ON CLERGYMEN ABSENT FROM THE DIOCESE.

The name of any Clergyman absent from the Diocese for the space of two or more years, without permission of the Bishop, or the existing Ecclesiastical authority, shall be dropped from the roll of the clergy, upon the understanding, however, that no right of jurisdiction over him shall be relinquished; and provided that after such omission of his name, it shall be the duty of the Ecclesiastical authority to replace it upon the roll in case of his return to the Diocese, and after due submission and satisfactory explanation.

Subsequent Canons to be numbered accordingly.

Canon XIII was repealed.

CANON XIV.

ON THE DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make a record of each day's proceedings, and to receive all credentials, resolutions and other documents which, by the rules, or by the order of the Council, shall be laid on the table for reference. It shall also be his duty to supervise the publication of the annual Journal of the Council, and to keep the archives and records of the Diocese, and to transfer them, with an accurate catalogue or index of the same, to his successor in office.

CANON XV.

OF THE DUTIES OF TREASURER OF THE COUNCIL.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys of the Council, and to disburse them upon requisition made by the Council, and to furnish annually to the Council an account of the receipts and expenditures.

Subsequent Canons are to be numbered accordingly.

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THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COUNCIL of the Church in the **DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI**, is appointed to convene in **GRACE CHURCH, CANTON**, on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY IN MAY, A. D., 1873.**

GREENVILLE, MISS.

DUNCAN C. GREEN.

Secretary and Treasurer.

To complete the file of our Diocesan Journals, and to provide the Registrar of the General Convention with missing numbers, all persons having bound volumes, or one or more single copies of the Journal for the years 1826, and 1854, inclusive, especially the earlier numbers, are requested to send the same to the Secretary of the Council. Unless interest is taken in this matter without further delay, the Records of the Diocese may be lost irrecoverably, to ourselves and to the Church at large.



DIOCESE OF MISSISSIPPI,

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COUNCIL.

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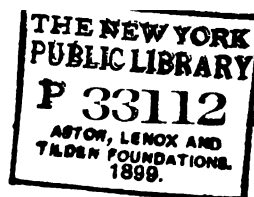


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Rev. Heber O. Crane, Missionary, Mississippi City, Biloxi, &c.; P. O. Mississippi City.

Rev. William D. Christian, Rector Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

Rev. Wm. K. Douglas, Rector Church of Holy Comforter, Dry Grove, and St. Mark's, Raymond; P. O. Dry Grove.

Rev. Henry Forrester, Rector Christ's Church, Summit, and Church of the Saviour, Osyka; P. O. Summit.

Rev. John Foster, residing in Athens, Tennessee.

Rev. James A. Fox, Rector St. Alban's Church, Bovina.

Rev. Duncan C. Green, Rector St. James' Church, Greenville.

Rev. Benjamin Halstead, Rector St. Mary's Church, Lexington, and Calvary Church, Holmes Co.; P. O. Lexington.

Rev. James S. Johnston, Rector St. James' Church, Port Gibson and Epiphany Church, Claiborne Co.; P. O. Port Gibson.

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Rev. Willard Presbury, Rector St. Philip's Church, Kirkwood.
Rev. Henry Sansom, D. D., Rector Christ Church, Vicksburg.
Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, Rector St. Paul's Church, Columbus.

DEACONS.

Rev. Stephen H. Green, All Saints Church, Grenada, and
 Ministering at Water Valley ; P. O. Grenada.
Rev. David G. Gunn, General Theological Seminary.
Rev. Wm S. Speirs, Ministering in Church of the Ascension, Her-
 nando ; Church of Holy Innocents, Como ; and Church of
 the Redeemer, Sardis.

[In the Lists of the Clergy, and of Lay Delegates, the names of those
 present are printed in italics.]

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St. Andrew's,	Jackson,	Joseph A. Brown.
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St. Paul's,	Columbus,	Lee M. Tucker.
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Trinity,	Natchez,	Joseph D. Shields.
St. Paul's,	Woodville,	J. Burrus McGhee.
St. John's,	Pontotoc,	William Newsom.
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St. Peter's,	Oxford,	T. E. B. Pegues.
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Grace,	Carrollton,	Dr. G. W. Stansbury.
Christ Church,	Summit,	Wm. Cunningham.
Holy Comforter,	Dry Grove,	Ed. H. Dabney, Chas. S. Adams.
Nativity,	Water Valley,	T. W. Whitsey.
All Saints,	Grenada,	Dr. R. S. Ringold.
St. Stephen's,	Hazelhurst,	Wm. Stone,
Good Shepherd,	Terry,	Wm. H. Fitzhugh.
	Enterprise,	Thomas Deas.
Trinity,	Crystal Springs,	R. E. McLean.
Nativity,	Macon,	——— Darracott.

ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES.

TRINITY CHURCH, NATCHEZ.

DELEGATES.—Dr. J. S. King, Henry Clark, Jno. Rawle.

ALTERNATES.—Dr. Spencer Wood, J. D. Shields, Allen T. Bowie.

CHRIST CHURCH, VICKSBURG.

DELEGATES.—*Dr. W. T. Balfour*, P. W. Shearer, Thos. G. Dabney.

ALTERNATES.—Edgar D. Farrar, *A. M. Lea*, J. T. Coleman.

TRINITY CHURCH, YAZOO CITY.

DELEGATES.—*P. P. Bailey*, Garnett Andrews, Wm. G. Deles.

ALL SAINTS, GRENADA.

DELEGATES.—Dr. R. S. Ringold, Joseph Weatherley, J. M. Bishop.

NATIVITY, WATER VALLEY.

DELEGATES.—W. DeHart, Dr. Davidson, T. W. Whitsey.

ALTERNATES.—F. H. Green, J. K. Fulson, John Clark.

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DELEGATES.—*T. E. B. Pegues*, *P. H. Skipwith*.

ALTERNATES.—Dr. John Thompson, N. B. Pegues.

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DELEGATES.—R. S. Stith, K. Falconer, W. Clark.

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DELEGATES.—E. D. Clark, Thomas Clark. G. W. Howard, M. D.

ST. PHILIP'S, KIRKWOOD.

DELEGATE.—Dr. E. H. Anderson.

ST. MARK'S, RAYMOND.

DELEGATES.—John Shelton, Vassar Shearer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRACE CHURCH, CANTON, }
May 7th, 1873.

In accordance with the appointment of the last Council, the members of the Forty-Sixth Annual Council of the Diocese of Mississippi assembled in Grace Church, Canton, for divine service.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, Rev's J. S. Johnston, H. O. Crane, W. S. Speirs, Alex. Marks, W. H. Phillips, Wallace Carnahan and W. C. Crane, D. D.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Dr. Crane.

The Council Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. A. W. Maybin, of Aberdeen, from the 4th chapter, 5th and 6th verses of the prophet Malachi.

After the Morning Service the Council was called to order by the Bishop.

The roll of Clergy was called by the Assistant Secretary.

The credentials of Lay Delegates were referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. H. O. Crane, P. P. Bailey and D. P. Porter. The committee reported a roll of Lay Delegates. (See pages 8 and 9.)

The roll of Lay Delegates being called and there being a constitutional quorum present, the Council was declared duly organized and ready for business.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. W. K. Douglas was elected Secretary. The Rev. J. S. Johnston was re-appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

4 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Council was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Council were adopted and read. (See Journal 1872, page 11.)

The Standing Committees were appointed by the Chair.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS.

Rev. J. S. Johnston, Rev. W. Carnahan and A. M. Lea.

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. W. Forrester, Rev. F. A. Juny, S. T. D., Rev. B. Halstead, Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. W. H. Phillips.

ON FINANCE.

Dr. W. T. Balfour, T. E. B. Pegues, A. G. Seckel, J. A. Klein and T. R. Clark.

ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D., Rev. J. T. Pickett, P. P. Bailey and D. P. Porter.

CHURCH SCHOOLS.

Rev's. H. Sansom, D. D., H. O. Crane, J. A. Fox, W. D. Christian and J. L. Tucker.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Revs. W. S. Speirs, S. H. Green and Mr. A. Sneed.

Jackson, Vicksburg and Aberdeen being respectively nominated as the place for the next Annual Session of the Council, Jackson was chosen, and the first Wednesday of May fixed as the day.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Diocesan officers.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. J. Tucker and A. Sneed, tellers. (For list of Diocesan Officers, see pages 3 and 4.)

On motion,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Church, not entitled to seats, and Candidates for Holy Orders present, be invited to take seats in the Council.

Under this resolution the Rev. A. Marks of Trinity Church, Natchez, and the Rev. Geo. C. Harris, Assistant Minister of St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis, Tennessee, took their seats in the Council.

EVENING SERVICES.

Evening Prayers were said by the Rev. W. K. Douglas and the Rev. J. L. Tucker. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Marks, from St. Peter, II.:11.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 8TH, 1873.

Morning Prayers were said by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, the Rev. Henry Forrester and the Rev. Wm. S. Speirs.

The Council was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President.

On motion the sermon was deferred until the evening.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop then read his Journal and Address.

JOURNAL AND ADDRESS.

OF THE

RT. REV. BISHOP WILLIAM M. GREEN.

The goodness of God, beloved brethren, permits us once more to meet together in Council, in this the Forty-Sixth year of our Diocesan existence. As is often the fate of all similarly constituted bodies, we meet amid events of sorrow on the one hand, and encouragement on the other. While it has pleased God to grant general health, and a measure of returning prosperity to our people, He has seen fit to send his Messenger, and take from our midst two of our most faithful and beloved fellow-laborers.

In the death of the Rev. Charles B. Dana, D. D., not this Diocese only, but the whole Southern Church acknowledges the loss of a long-tried and well-approved servant of Christ. During a ministry of thirty-nine years, by patient labor, by meekness of spirit, and by a self-sacrificing devotion to his holy calling, he proved himself a true "Man of God," and a workman meet for his Master's use. Long will the people of a Sister Diocese unite with us in cherishing a pleasing recollection of his faithful labors, his gentle and loving spirit, and his unchallenged purity of life. Though no longer laboring at our side, he will long live in the affectionate remembrance of all who knew him, and especially of us who have often, in our annual assemblings, taken sweet counsel together with him. To his widow and children let us tender our heartfelt sympathy and prayers in this their day of visitation.

In the fatal malady and the melancholy end of that faithful and laborious Missionary, the Rev. Henry C. Harris, we recognize one of those strange and inscrutable events, the wisdom and goodness of which we dare not question, and which eternity alone can make plain. Gifted with a generous spirit that knew not one selfish throb, and an uprightness of character that early won for him the confidence of all who knew him, he needed only the grace that was afterwards given to fit him for that Missionary life into which he threw himself, as into a native element. Nor did he ever cease to labor with both efficiency and zeal, though in a daily struggle against poverty, weighed down with the cares of a helpless and fast growing family, and amid occasional aberrations of mind which foreboded too truly the unhappy termination of his lovely

and useful life. While contemplating the sad and distressing circumstances of his death, there should be no feeling but that of sorrow and silent submission. As we have good reason to believe that there was nothing calling for the Divine forgiveness, let us cover his grave with the mantle of affection, and strive together, to shield his memory from the censure of a misjudging world. For his five motherless as well as fatherless children let our prayers be offered up, and such provision be made as it is in our power to render.

After thus noticing the death of two of our beloved Fellow-laborers, I surely need not ask your indulgence brethren, whilst I devote a few words to the memory of one who but a short time since was on the list of our Clergy, and among the very few native-born Ministers of the Diocese. I mean the Rev. David S. Goodloe, whose remains have recently been laid almost within our view. Possessed of a fine mind and a winning address, with the advantage of a liberal education, and the spirit of a true patriot, he proved himself equal to the dangers of the battle-field, and the strifes of forensic debate, as well as the trying and responsible duties of the ministry. Though painfully, and, as is now proven, fatally wounded in defence of his country, he bore up manfully under great and long continued suffering, and ceased not to teach and to preach Christ, until failing strength admonished him that his work was done, and the hour of a long and blessed rest had come.

With such bright examples, and such solemn warnings held up to our view, what manner of men, and of Christians, and of Christian Ministers ought we to be? How narrowly and fearfully should we look to the work, it is yet allowed us to do, and each one of us say to himself, "May not the next call be made for me!"

In the consciousness of much weakness, and insufficiency for my high calling I spread out before you, dear brethren, the journal of my labors during the past year, hoping for your charitable judgment, as I pray that my many shortcomings may be forgiven by Him who judges us all.

1872—*Sunday, May 12th.*—At the close of our last Council I confirmed *nine* persons in Christ's Church, Holly Springs, and raised the Rev. L. L. Lurton (Deacon) to the Order of the Priesthood, the candidate being presented by the Rev. Mr. Forrester.

My next appointment was for Greenville. In passing through Vicksburg I united a couple in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Sunday, May 19th.—In Greenville, assisted by the Rector, Rev. D. C. Green, I consecrated the beautiful little Church to the service of God, under the name of "St. James' Church." As the Rector had very recently taken the Parish in charge, there was but *one* candidate prepared for Confirmation. Feeling much the need of rest, I remained here several days; during which every family of the congregation was visited that could conveniently be reached.

Thursday, May 23d.—I preached to a small congregation at Egg Point, assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Green. In the afternoon, on my way to Lake Washington, I was exposed to the fu-

ry of a most violent storm of wind and rain and lightning. Being in an open vehicle, without any suitable protection, with no place of shelter, and blinded by the beating and drenching tempest, I could only await, in trust and patience, till its fury was overpast. I feel drawn to record this incident in gratitude to Him who, on that, and many like occasions, has preserved me in my journeyings.

On my way to St. John's Church at the lower end of the Lake, I visited several families along its border.

Sunday, May 26th.—Preached in the Church to a large and attentive congregation, who have both the will and the ability to provide for a Pastor, if a suitable one can be found. At 9 o'clock that night I baptised at Skipwith's Landing two infants, twins.

Saturday, June 1st.—I preached at Shieldsboro in the evening. The next day, preached again, and administered the Holy Communion. If this little flock were more united among themselves, they would have more strength to contend against outward circumstances. I was pleased however, to see that they had secured a good site for a Church, and sufficient space for a Burying-ground of moderate size.

From June 3d to 6th was given to Pass Christian. I preached but once, devoting nearly the whole of the time to visiting from house to house.

The next three days (7th, 8th, 9th,) were spent in Handsboro and Mississippi City. Sunday the 9th, I preached to a large congregation, and confirmed six persons. I did not, on this visitation officiate in our Church edifice at Mississippi City, as the far greater portion of the congregation live nearer to Handsboro.

Monday, June 10th.—Preached (p.m.) at Biloxi, and again, the next evening, at which time eleven persons were confirmed. As a like number was confirmed at my last visitation, I could not but feel thankful to see such signs of spiritual life among a people that had, until lately, been so long without a Pastor, and could attribute it only to the zealous and faithful labors of the widow of their former Rector, the Rev. Mr. Whitall.

June 12th and 13th were spent in Pascagoula. I preached in the evenings of both days, and on the latter occasion, confirmed five. Our flock at this place is a very small one, but larger than any one of the Denominations. A very neat and becoming Church-building is offered us for the small sum of four hundred dollars. I was here, as well as at Shieldsboro, Handsboro and Biloxi, accompanied and assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lurton, who, for the last eighteen months, notwithstanding his feeble health, has laboriously and faithfully given his services to these places. I was grieved to learn that he had failed to find on this Gulf coast the benefit which he had hoped for himself and family, and that there is a probability of losing him from a position to which he is admirably fitted, and in which he has done much good.

Sunday, June 16th.—On my way home I preached at Corinth.

The hopes entertained a few years ago, for our Church in this place have, in a great measure been disappointed. But I, in no degree despair of ere long, seeing its members and friends putting forth the strength which, I am sure, is in their power.

At 8 o'clock P.M., the same day I preached in Iuka. Here, I was rejoiced to find the little Church hastening to its completion, and promising to be an ornament as well as a blessing to the place. Much credit is due to the few zealous women who, from an almost hopeless beginning, have pushed on so near to the accomplishment of their heart's desire.

Tuesday, June 18th.—I reached my family, after an unbroken visitation of more than seven months and a half. A merciful God had sustained me to the end; but I was thoroughly exhausted in mind as well as body. Very soon afterwards I was compelled to take to my bed and undergo a confinement of several weeks.

July 1st.—At the request of my Rt. Rev. Brother of Texas, I assisted in the marriage ceremony of one of his daughters, in St. Augustine's Chapel.

Tuesday, July 9th.—Appointed Tullius C. Tupper Lay-Reader for Grace Church, Canton; and Messrs. Garnett Andrews and Robert Campbell for Trinity Church, Yazoo City.

Monday, July 29th.—Gave Letters Dimissory in favor of Rev. J. Emmart Brown, removing to Texas.

Sevancee, Tenn., Thursday, August 1st.—Officiated at the interment of an infant.

Sevancee, Monday, September 2d.—Baptised an infant; and Sept. 9th, administered the same Holy Sacrament to another.

Tuesday, October 1st.—Set out on my Fall visitation.

The day following I preached at Iuka in the evening, and baptised four adults. The next day preached in the forenoon, and confirmed three persons. I was here joined by the Rev. Heber O. Crane, who continued with me and much assisted me for the next three or four weeks. I was thankful to find the little Church at this place very near completion. It is very Church-like in structure, and an ornament to the place, as well as a credit to the zealous few by whose exertions it has been erected. Leaving Mr. Crane to officiate again at night, I passed on to Corinth where I preached and also made an address to the congregation on the subject of building a Church. Before I left, a deed for the Church lot was made, and recorded, and some hope held out that they might soon begin to build.

From Corinth I proceeded to Pontotoc, where I preached on Sunday 6th of October, to a large congregation, baptised one infant, and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I preached again, and confirmed one person. It is a matter of surprise as well as gratification to me to see how firmly the few friends of the Church in this place cling to her, notwithstanding their isolated position and seldom enjoyment of her services. Before leaving the place, I gave to Mr. William Newsom authority to act as Lay-Reader in the congregation.

October 8th and 9th were spent in Okolona. Mr. Crane preached on the evening of the 7th, and I the next day; when *one* adult was baptised, and *eight* confirmed. On the following day I preached again, baptised an infant and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I gave the same blessed Sacrament in private to a very aged lady who had recently come from another Diocese.

Thursday, October 10th—At West Point I baptised *one* infant in private, preached in the evening, and confirmed *one* person; Rev. Mr. Harris assisting in the Services. This is a growing place, and contains a number who justly appreciate the claims of the Church, and would gladly contribute to obtain her ministrations.

October 12th and 13th were given to Aberdeen. After one day spent in visiting from house to house, I preached (Sunday 13th, in the forenoon, addressed the Sunday School, baptised *two* infants, and administered the Holy Communion. After the close of the services I baptised another infant in private. This congregation has been sorely tried during the past year, by repeated failures in attempting to obtain a Pastor.

From Aberdeen I returned on Monday the 14th to West Point, where I preached in the evening, and organized a Parish under the name of St. Joseph's. I was no little gratified at seeing among the signers to this organization, the names of several of the most worthy and influential citizens and business-men of this rapidly-growing place. Before my departure, a very eligible lot had been selected for the location of a Church, and at a subsequent meeting of the Vestry, a liberal subscription was begun for commencing to build.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 15th, 16th and 17th, were spent in Columbus. After visiting most of the families of the Congregation, I preached on the evening of the 16th, and confirmed *three* persons. The condition of this Parish is gradually recovering from its long want of close Pastoral attention, and the many drawbacks which it sustained in the bygone years of its existence. Under the administration of its present Rector, it is sensibly overcoming the opposition of the ignorant and prejudiced *without*, and the more deadening effect of the want of union among its members. Nothing but a Rectory seems now wanting to secure to this Parish a permanent prosperity.

I reached the Church of the Messiah between eleven and twelve o'clock, on the night of the 17th; preached the next morning, baptised an infant, confirmed *one* person, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Mr. Harris.

In the afternoon, rode five miles to Wahalak; and after making an address to a small congregation on the nature and claims of the Church, confirmed *three* persons.

October 19th and 20th—These two days, Saturday and Sunday, I gave to Macon. The former was spent in visiting. On Sunday I preached both morning and evening, baptising *four* children, con-

inclement than the day before. This Church is to be designed by a skillful artist, and will, in other respects, if not in size, be among the handsomest buildings of the South. The chief expense will be borne by one worthy family who desire, in that way, to erect a becoming memorial of a beloved son and brother, cut off, not long since, in the flower of his manhood. In this good work they will be joined by their neighbors, who gladly unite with them in both commemorating one whom they loved, and in providing a becoming Temple in which they may together worship God.

Four days, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, were given to Hernando. All the families were visited, although snow covered the ground. Sunday, the 29th, I preached both forenoon and afternoon, confirmed *three* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. Both Pastor and people are here making earnest efforts to erect a new and becoming Church on a most eligible lot that has been presented for the purpose.

Wednesday, January 1st, 1873.—My appointment for this day was at Early Grove, but after getting within five miles of the place, I was compelled on account of impassible roads, and continuous rain, to turn back, and by a circuituous route, endeavor to reach my next appointment at Lamar. Here, also, on account of the unprecedented condition of the roads, there was no congregation to meet me. Accompanied by one member of the Parish, I rode up to the Church at the appointed hour, and found it vacant.

The next four days, the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th were spent in Holly Springs. On Sunday, the 6th, I preached both forenoon and evening, and confirmed *six* persons. During my stay most of the families of the Parish were visited.

At Water Valley, my next appointment, I was joined by the Rev. Stephen H. Green, who gives to a little flock in this place, all the time that can be spared from his more immediate duties in Grenada. On Thursday, the 9th, I preached in the evening, and again the following evening, when *six* persons were confirmed. A more zealous little set of Church people is rarely to be found. Thus far, it may be truly said of their exertions in building their unpretending Church, and obtaining their present services, "They have done what they could." What a different aspect would our Diocese present, if the same could be said of some other of its Parishes.

January 11th, 12th and 13th were spent in Oxford. On Sunday, the 12th, I preached both forenoon and evening, conducting the services alone, as the Rector was prevented by sickness from assisting me. So short a time had elapsed since the Rev. Dr. Juny took charge of this Parish, in conjunction with the Chair of Modern Languages in our State University, that no opportunity had been allowed for preparing a Class for Confirmation. The continued inclemency of the weather prevented me from visiting from house to house as I desired.

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whole-day's ride in a freight-train; preached the next day, both in the forenoon and evening, baptised *one* adult and *one* infant, confirmed *one* person, and administered the Holy Communion. The congregation, on both occasions, was large, and unusually interested. But I was grieved to find this beautiful Church and zealous little flock with no Pastor to take them in charge.

My next appointment was for Canton, on the 5th and 6th of November. After a day spent in visiting, I preached on Wednesday, both forenoon and evening, confirming *five* persons. Both congregations were smaller than usual, on account of the rain. I subsequently appointed Eugene Conway a Lay-Reader for this Parish.

Thursday, November 7th—This day had been allotted to the Chapel of the Cross, but I deemed it useless to go there, as the rain continued to fall, and I had learned that, of the few whom I could have expected to meet me, some were absent, and others confined at home by sickness.

At Madison Station, November 8th, I admitted an infant grand-child of mine into the Church of Christ by Holy Baptism.

Saturday, November 9th.—I attended the examination of Rev. Heber O. Crane, Deacon, a candidate for the Priesthood, and the next day admitted him to that More Holy Order. The Candidate was presented by his father, the Rev. Rector of the Parish, who delivered a most appropriate sermon and charge on the occasion. The Rev. Messrs. Forrester and Carnahan were also present and assisting. In the afternoon Mr. Forrester preached at my request, and *nine* were confirmed.

I spent Tuesday, the 12th, at Bolton, but did not preach, as there was no public room suitable for the purpose. The time was spent, however, in as profitable a manner, by consulting with the Vestry, and assisting them in forming plans for soon commencing the building of a Church.

Thursday, November 14th—I preached at Bovina, the venerable Rector, and the Rev. Dr. Sansom assisting in the services. As the Congregation were going out of the door of the Church a scene was presented in which I was no little interested. It was the presentation to their beloved Rector of a fine riding-horse, which had been purchased without his knowledge, and was thus publicly presented to him in the name of the whole congregation, as a testimonial of their affection and a recognition of his faithful services.

November 15th to 21st.—These six days were spent in Vicksburg, and divided equally between the two important Parishes of that place. The greater part of the time was devoted to visiting the families of both congregations. On Sunday, the 17th, I preached in Church of the Holy Trinity, in the forenoon, and confirmed *six* persons. I was sorry that, on account of a mistake about the hour, I reached the Church too late to examine the children of the Sunday School. At 4 o'clock p.m., I met by invitation, the Sunday school children of Christ Church, and examined them on a considerable portion of the Church catechism. I was

much pleased with the correctness of their answers, evincing as it did, the faithfulness with which they had been instructed. At my request, the Rector continued the examination, extending it over the "Nature of the Church as a Divine Institution, its Distinguishing features, and a few prominent points in its History." It was a beautiful and impressive sight to see more than a hundred children thus entering and leaving the Church in joyful procession, and deporting themselves with as much order and apparent reverence as could have been expected from persons far beyond their years. At 7 o'clock P.M. I preached, and confirmed *nineteen* persons.

My next appointment was for Yazoo City, where I arrived on Friday, the 22d, having been compelled on account of the unnavigable state of the river, to reach it by the round-about way of Jackson and Canton. After visiting more than twenty families on Saturday, I preached twice on Sunday, catechized the Sunday School, confirmed *three* persons, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the worthy Rector. I think that I perceive a steady, if not rapid growth in this congregation, enough, certainly, to encourage and cheer their Pastor in his future labors.

My next appointment was for Kirkwood, on the 24th. But on reaching Goodman, on my way thither, I was prevented from proceeding further, by the want of a conveyance, as a prevailing disease among the horses made their owners unwilling that they should be used, or removed an hour from under their care.

The next eight days, from November 28th to December 5th, were given to the several Stations in charge of the Rev. Mr. Halstead. Three were spent in Lexington, where I visited every family of the congregation, preached three times, and confirmed *one* person. Although this Parish can show but little numerical increase, it is making for itself a more stable foundation, having secured a large and very eligible lot for the erection of a Place of Worship of their own, and made some preparation for commencing to build in the Spring.

At Acona I preached on the 2d of December, to a small congregation, and at Calvary Church on the 3d.

Finding that an appointment had been made for me at West Station, I preached there Friday, December 6th, confirmed *one* person, and baptised *four* children. I had intended to give this day to Vaiden, but owing to some misunderstanding in the appointments, I was reluctantly compelled to pass that place by for the present.

December 7th and 8th were spent in Winona. After visiting all the families interested in the Church, I preached on Sunday, the 8th, and confirmed *two* persons. I earnestly hope that it will not be long before this important place, together with one or two adjoining it, is occupied by an able and faithful Missionary. A sum sufficient to cover the greater part of the cost of a Church building was offered me by two families that have recently moved into the town.

December 9th and 10th I spent in Carrollton. Soon after my arrival, on the 9th, I confirmed *two* persons in private, as they were compelled to leave the place before the appointed hour for service in the evening. At 7 o'clock P. M. I preached, and confirmed *three* others. The next day I preached, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptised *two* children in private, preached again at 7 o'clock P. M., and confirmed *three* persons. My heart runs out in affection for that noble Layman, who standing almost alone amid much discouragement, has for several years, kept up the spirits of this little flock, and tended them with all a Pastor's care. May God bless him, and make his example bear fruit in other places.

Wednesday, December 11th—On my return through Winona, I baptised *two* colored children in private.

Thursday, December 12th, preached in Grenada in the evening, also on the evening of the next day, and baptised *five* children. Sunday the 15th, preached both forenoon and evening, catechizing the Sunday School, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed *two* persons.

The 17th and 18th were spent in Charleston, Tallahatchie Co. After a ride of twelve miles through mud, and cold, and rain, I found myself prevented, by the continuance of such weather, from making any visits to the few families that are favorably disposed to the Church. On the 18th I preached, gave authoritative baptism to *one* adult, and confirmed *two* persons. In the evening I preached again. On both occasions the congregations were small, owing chiefly to the continuance of the rain and cold.

On the 19th I was to have officiated at Batesville, but on my arrival was compelled to keep within doors by the continued inclemency of the weather.

I reached Sardis on the 20th, and remained three days. Two were spent in visiting from house to house. On the 22d, I preached both forenoon and evening, and confirmed *three* persons. I was truly gratified at finding their Church building so far advanced as to be soon ready for use, though not for consecration. Much of this good work is due to the active and untiring efforts of one woman, possessed of neither wealth nor wide-extended influence, but, what is more to be coveted and honored, a holy zeal for the House of God, and a delight in working for it. When completed, this building will, in true architectural design and finish, stand very high among such structures in either this or any of our adjoining Dioceses. On my return from Sardis, on the 23d, I confirmed *one* person at her own residence, after her Pastor had given her authoritative baptism.

December 24th and 25th were spent in Como, but owing to the almost unprecedented coldness of the weather no public services could be held. On Christmas day, according to appointment, the corner-stone was laid of a Church to be called "The Church of the Holy Innocents." But few persons were present to take part in that interesting ceremony, as the weather was even more painfully

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Saturday, January 18th.—I turned my steps towards my temporary home on the Mountain, to seek a rest from the labor and exposure which I had undergone for three months and a half. I had sent on a notice to Corinth and Iuka that I would officiate at both places on the following Sunday; but on my arrival, finding that my letter had not been received at either place, and being too unwell to undertake any labor, I continued on my way, and was thankful to reach my family in safety, though greatly in need of rest.

Sunday, January 26th, preached at Sewanee; and again, February 10th.

Monday, March 3d, 1873.—I set out on my Spring Visitations. My first appointment was for Columbus, where I spent two days. On the 6th I confirmed *two* persons in private, preached at night, and confirmed *five* others. The next day, after a sermon by the Rector, *two* more received that Apostolic rite. It was with great pleasure that I saw on this occasion, unmistakable evidence of the improved and rapidly improving condition of this important Parish.

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Leaving Macon at midnight, I reached Meridian at 5 o'clock the next morning. At 11 o'clock, a small congregation was assembled in the School-house, which has, through the zeal of a few ladies, been neatly fitted up in a church-like manner. At my request the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Crane. During the services, I baptised *two* adults, and *one* infant. I was glad to see some signs of life and motion in this long inactive and self-neglecting Parish.

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April 13th. being Easter Sunday. I rode fifteen miles in order to reach Epiphany Church. In the afternoon I returned to Port Gibson, preached at 8 o'clock, baptised *one* infant, and confirmed *one* person. The next day, Monday, the 14th, made an address to the congregation appropriate to the season, and confirmed *one* person. *Two* others afterwards received the same rite in private.

April 15th, I reached Rodney at 4 o'clock in the morning. As it was not known that I had returned from Texas, I was not expected. A respectable congregation, however, was got together for an afternoon service. Before leaving the place I baptised *one* child in private.

From 16th to 18th were spent in Christ Church Parish, Church Hill. After visiting several families, I preached both on the 17th and 18th, baptised *one* colored infant, confirmed *two* persons, and administered the Holy Communion. It grieved me to find this once flourishing Parish still without a Pastor. The congregation seems deeply to feel their condition; but, owing to their late reverses, and the unusual pressure of the times, are unable to do for themselves what they so much need and desire.

Saturday, April 19th. I preached in the town of Washington to an attentive congregation, which would have been larger in number, but for the rain, which usually meets me in that place.

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the welfare of the Parish, by various enterprises of benevolence and charity. On Monday I confirmed *one* person, and on Wednesday *another*, both of whom were prevented by sickness from attending the Church.

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After spending Saturday, the 26th, in visiting the families of the congregation in Woodville, I preached at night, assisted by the Rev. Wm. H. Phillips who had recently taken charge of the Parish. On Sunday I preached again both forenoon and at night, when *ten* persons were confirmed. I was glad to hear the affectionate terms in which the whole congregation spoke of their late Pastor, Rev. Mr. Lytton, and their expressions of regret at his leaving them. The work which he so well began, has, with equal zeal and faithfulness, been taken up by his successor, and with every prospect of success.

I left Woodville for my next appointment in Vicksburg, but failed to meet it, from inability to get a conveyance up the river. I was thankful for the opportunity of officiating for the congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and confirming *seven* of its members, during my passage through the city on Friday, the 2d.

This day was to have been given to Bovina, but I was reluctantly compelled to pass it by, owing to my long detention in getting up the river. I the more regret this, as I have since learned that several were prepared for confirmation.

Saturday, May 3d.—I preached at Bolton in a school-house, to a good congregation. The friends of the Church here, though few in number, are not wanting in zeal. They are in possession of a spacious lot, and have nearly half the necessary amount for the erection of a Church. A liberal gentleman in Alabama has just given them in anticipation, a large bell. When their Church shall be so far finished as to be fit for use, they hope that the neighboring Clergy of Vicksburg, Jackson, Bovina and Dry Grove will be able to give them an occasional visit. At the close of the service *one* person was confirmed.

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I believe that I have thus given you every thing of a statistical nature which will set forth the condition of the Diocese.

I will now add, that in accordance with a wish expressed by our last Council, I put forth at the beginning of this year, a Pastoral Letter in relation to the various devices so commonly practiced for obtaining money in aid of religious and charitable objects; such I mean, more especially, as Lotteries and Games of Chance. And it gives me pleasure to perceive that all thinking men, as well as serious Christians are becoming more and more united in denouncing these practices as a shame and reproach to the Church.

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It was no little gratification to me to give my consent to the proposed election of an Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of North Carolina, and to the consecration of the Rev. Wm. Hobart Hare, as Missionary Bishop of Niobrara; and the Rev. John G. Auer, as Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas, and parts adjacent. But whilst we gladly welcome these younger brethren to the Apostolic Office, our Church has reason to mourn the departure of two of our oldest and most honored Bishops—Eastburn and McIlvaine. In the character of the former, whatever might be said of some of his Theological views, no one could fail to see an utter fearlessness in defence of what he thought to be truth, an open straight-forwardness in accomplishing his aims, and a purity of life which none could question. In the death of Bishop McIlvaine, not his Diocese only, but our whole Church, and all Reformed Christendom has reason to mourn the loss of one of its best and brightest ornaments. An Episcopacy of forty years, and a Ministry of more than half a century, served year by year to show him to the world as the ripened Scholar, the devout Christian, the earnest Preacher of Christ, and a faithful Ruler in his Church.

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W. M. GREEN.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's Address as referred to deceased Clergymen, was referred to a committee of three.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. W. K. Douglas, Rev. W. W. Carnahan.

On motion, the Committee on Canons, appointed at the last Council, was allowed to present its report.

Report adopted. The Canons, as amended by the committee, are printed in this Journal.

The committee appointed at the last Council, on Indigent Families of Deceased Clergymen, presented its report.

The committee appointed at the last Council, to consider how provision could be made for the relief of the Indigent Families of Deceased Clergymen, respectfully reports that after mature consideration of the subject, it has arrived at the following conclusions:

1st. That the honor of the Church, as well as the just dues of the Clergy, demands that some provision shall be made for the needy families of deceased Clergymen, and not for them only, but also for the relief of disabled Clergymen.

2d. That this provision shall be made by the Church as an organized body.

3d. That the only source of Church revenue being the voluntary contributions of the people, it will be necessary to present this subject in its true light to the laity, and to urge them to the performance of their duty in the premises.

The committee, relying upon the soundness of the foregoing conclusions, and upon the desire of this Council to act upon them, respectfully recommends for adoption, the following resolutions:

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Resolved, That this Committee shall consist of three Clergymen and three Laymen, who shall be elected at each Annual Council, the Bishop being *ex-officio* President.

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VIII. The Committee shall have power to grant relief according to its discretion, by vote of the majority present at any meeting.

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Resolved, That the beneficiaries of this fund shall be those only, who canonically belong to this Diocese.

Resolved, That this Committee be authorized to act for the Diocese in any transactions which may arise in connection with the fund created by the royalty on the Hymnal.

Resolved, That vacancies occurring in this Committee between the meetings of the Council, shall be filled by the Bishop.

WALLACE CARNAHAN, Chairman.

On motion, the resolutions were made the order of the day for 9 o'clock A.M., Friday.

The Standing Committee made their Annual Report :

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Council of the Diocese of Mississippi :

The following report of the proceedings of the Committee for the past year, is respectfully submitted :

At the Annual Council of the Diocese, held in Christ Church, Holly Springs, May 8th, 1872, the following persons were elected as the Standing Committee: Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Rev. Jas. A. Fox, and Messrs. Dr. Wm. T. Balfour, and G. D. Sidway.

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At the same time, the Testimonials of Charles H. Fonda were received and he was recommended to the Bishop to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

DECEMBER 2d. The Committee met at Jackson, and signed the requisite testimonials consenting to the Consecration of Rev. John G. Auer, as Missionary Bishop for the Territory of Cape Palmas, Africa.

At the same time, the Committee gave their consent to the election of an Assistant Bishop for North Carolina, on the ground of extent of territory.

MAY 7th. At the Annual Council of the Diocese held in Grace Church, Canton, May 7th, 1873, the following persons were elected as the Standing Committee of the Diocese; viz: Rev. Dr. Crane, Rev. Dr. Sansom, Rev. Jas. A. Fox, and Messrs. Wm. T. Balfour, and G. D. Sidway.

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H. SANSOM, Secretary.

EVENING SESSION.

4 O'CLOCK, P.M.

In the absence of the Rt. Rev. President, Rev. Dr. Crane presided.

Proposed Amendment to Art. III, of the Constitution taken up. The amendment was lost.

Proposed Amendment to Art. VIII of the Constitution taken up and adopted.

Amendment to Art. IX, was then taken up.

The amendment was lost.

Lay delegate from Christ Church, Holly Springs, laid before the Council a proposed amendment to Art. III, of the Constitution to await action of the next Council.

"ARTICLE III. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be an actual communicant in the Parish which he represents."

Rt. Rev. President in the Chair.

The late Rector of the Parish at West Point, presented a statement in regard to that Parish and asked its admission. Referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

An application was made from the Parish at Grenada, requesting that the Council accede to change of name from Grace Chapel to All Saints.

Request acceded to.

The Committee on the matter of Assistant Bishop, reported that the action required by the last Council had been taken, but owing to the death of their late chairman, they were unable to report the result.

On motion,

Resolved, That application be made in accordance with the Canons, to the

are things to encourage us in the hope that we are in the way to accomplish something for the honor of our Master, and the good of our fellow-men. There is visible a steady determination on the part of our people to erect buildings which shall be consecrated to the special service of Almighty God, and the Church is constantly acquiring land, a lot here, and a lot there, upon which churches will, at no distant day, be built. The only real cause of discouragement is that which each one of us carries in his own heart; his inability, or rather his disinclination to work with all the powers of his being for his Lord and Master. If we can overcome this obstacle we need not be troubled by any other.

One of our greatest needs, if not the greatest of all is that of more Episcopal oversight. For our Right Reverend and beloved Father in God we have no words but those of affection and praise. No Bishop in the Church labors more earnestly, more faithfully, and with greater self-denial, than does the venerable Bishop of Mississippi. But notwithstanding this, there is a large extent of territory which is not only uncultivated, but absolutely unexplored. No one man can possibly enter upon this position of our field, and the same time pay due attention to the portion now in cultivation. We hail with applause, therefore, the step that has been taken by this Council towards procuring the services of an Assistant Bishop. It is time that the childhood of this Diocese should be passing into vigorous maturity, and with two Bishops we may hope for a speedy improvement in the condition of our affairs and an increase of all those agencies which are essential to a successful prosecution of our work. What is required of us, is that we shall faithfully perform the work which God has given us to do, using all the means of his appointment which are within our reach, and leave results, with all the confidence inspired by His sure word of power, in His Almighty hand.

HENRY FORRESTER, Chairman.

The Council elected the following Standing Committee for the relief of Disabled Clergymen and Indigent Families of Deceased Clergymen: Rev. W. C. Crane, D. D., Rev. H. Forrester, Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., W. T. Balfour, M. D., T. E. B. Pegues and D. P. Porter.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes, to whom was referred the application of St. Joseph's Church, West Point, reported:

In our judgment the provisions of the Canons have not been sufficiently complied with to justify us in recommending the admission of that parish.

WALLACE CARNAHAN, Chairman.

Report acceded to.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bish-

The Committee on Diocesan Schools presented their report as follows :

The Committee on Diocesan Schools sincerely regret that they can offer to the Council such a meagre report on this interesting department of Christian labor.

From all the information we can gather in relation to this subject, we are only able to report one Church School in this extensive Diocese. This is a school which has been commenced during the past year by the Rector, and parishioners of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Dry Grove, under the title of Bishop Green Associate Mission, and Training School, and designed to provide a training school for candidates for Holy Orders. This Institution, having such a praiseworthy object in view, has been undertaken in a spirit of faith, and hitherto has been crowned with a measure of success, which gives some fair promises for the future. Five candidates for Holy Orders, and Postulants have been in connection with the School, and received instruction in the elements of Theological learning. We understand that a new building is in progress of erection and it is to be hoped that means will be provided to extend the sphere of usefulness, and to give prominence to this Institution.

Your Committee would also take this opportunity to remind the members of this Council, that although as a Diocese we have so few Institutions that can be strictly called Church Schools, yet we have an equal interest with the neighboring Dioceses in that noble institution of sanctified learning "The University of the South." We rejoice to be able to report its steadily increasing prosperity, and efficiency, and we most earnestly commend it to the hearty co-operation, and liberal support of the Diocese.

Your Committee would also add, that they have heard with pleasure, that arrangements have been perfected, by which, during the coming Autumn, the Sisters of St. Mary, known throughout the land for their unselfish devotion to all good works, will establish in the city of Memphis, a female school, upon the plan of that, which in the city of New York, has been attended with a success which has been recognized throughout the Church. The Sisters will have charge of the Church Home also, in Memphis, another Institution which does not confine its benefactions to the needy of any one Diocese. We are informed that at least a half dozen orphan children from Mississippi are therein cared for, without charge, for which the thanks of this Council are due to the managers of the Church Home.

H. SANSOM, Chairman.

On motion so much of the Bishop's Address, as refers to the continued absence of clergymen from the sessions of the Council, was referred to a special committee.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop appointed Rev. W. H. Phillips, Rev. H. Forrester, Mr. R. S. Stith.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Committee on Finance presented their report.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to make a new assessment on the basis of (\$5,000) five thousand dollars. (See Appendix B.)

The Committee on Episcopal Fund presented their report:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund report that only two Parishes so far, have contributed to the Fund, viz:

CHRIST CHURCH, Vicksburg,	\$1,340
HOLY TRINITY, " "	915

The Committee regard this subject as vital to the welfare of the Diocese, and hope that the remaining parishes will come forward promptly with liberal contributions.

W. T. BALFOUR, Chairman.

The Diocesan Treasurer of the University of the South, presented his report.

As Diocesan Treasurer of the University of the South, I beg leave to report that I have received and forwarded to the General Treasurer, the following amounts, arising from the Advent collections:

ST. PETER'S, Oxford,	\$65 00
ALL SAINTS, Grenada,	5 00
TRINITY CHURCH, Yazoo City,	18 70
	\$68 70

THOS. E. B. PEGUES, Treasurer.

The Committee to whom was given the consideration of that portion of the Bishop's Address referring to clerical absentees from the Council, report the following resolution:

Resolved, That any clerical member of this Council, failing to attend two consecutive Councils, without giving acceptable reasons therefor to the Bishop in writing, according to the provisions of Canon XIX of this Diocese, receive a vote of censure of the Council, which vote shall be placed upon the records of the Council, and a note of the action sent to the clergyman.

EVENING SERVICES.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, assisted by the Rev. J. T. Pickett and the Rev. Geo. C. Harris, of the Diocese of Tennessee. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Heber O. Crane.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSIONS.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, assisted by Rev. S. H. Green and Rev. W. D. Christian. The sacrament of baptism was administered by Rev. J. T. Pickett. The sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. C. Harris, of the Diocese of Tennessee, from Rev. III. 20.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to publish one thousand copies of the Journal together with the Canons as amended.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Special Committee on Episcopal Fund appointed at the last Council be continued.

Resolved, That the name of P. P. Bailey be added.

COMMITTEE—W. T. Balfour, M.D., T. E. B. Pegues, A. G. Seckel, J. B. McGehee, W. C. Richards and P. P. Bailey.

The Committee on State of the Church presented report.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to present the following very imperfect report of the present condition of the Church in this Diocese:

From the Parochial Reports which have been received, 21 parishes not having been heard from, and from the Bishop's Address we find that 440 persons have been baptised since the last Council. Of these, 121 were adults, and 319 infants. Of the adults, 9 were colored, and of the infants 15 were colored, the number of persons confirmed has been, according to the Bishop's Address, 248 of whom 8 were colored. The number of communicants reported is only 1,069. The total amount reported as contributed for church work is \$33,533 93. Two churches have been consecrated, and there are now 8 in various stages of completion. Our clergy list has undergone no change as far as number is concerned. Two of our brethren have gone to other fields to labor, and two have fallen asleep, but to fill their places four have been received from other Dioceses. Our list of candidates for Holy Orders has been reduced to seven names.

It will be seen that in nearly all these items there is a falling off from the last report. This may be accounted for partially by the absence of reports from so many parishes. It must be remembered too, that there will naturally be fluctuations in the reports presented from year to year, of the work done in such a Diocese as ours. This is no cause of discouragement, however. It is true that a review of our field is not calculated to make one jubilant, but there

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W. S. SPEIRS,

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op's Address, noticing the death of certain of the clergy, report in regard to the death of Rev. David S. Goodloe, the following :

Resolved, That this Council in recording the death of the Rev. David S. Goodloe, desire to express our grief for his loss to us, and to the church which he so faithfully served. That in his life of patient suffering and heroic devotion to duty, we recognize a sanctity and exaltation of character seldom exhibited in human nature. That in his death, we cherish the sure hope of his perfect consummation and bliss in Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That the sincere condolence of the Council be extended to the bereaved relatives of the deceased, and that we cherish with them the memory of the lovely and gifted brother.

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to prepare and have printed with the Journal, a memorial page in commemoration of our deceased brother.

Resolved, That Secretary furnish a copy of these resolutions to the relatives of the deceased.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Resolutions were offered and passed, thanking the Vestry and Members of Grace Church, and the citizens of Canton, for hospitalities, also the Railroad Companies and Steamboats for favors. The Secretary was instructed to communicate these to the CANTON MAIL, and AMERICAN CITIZEN for publication.

After devotions by the Rt. Rev. Bishop and the singing of the Gloria in Excelsis, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM MERCER GREEN,

Attest :

Bishop of Mississippi, President.

WM. K. DOUGLAS,

Secretary.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH—GREENADA.

This Parish is in a flourishing condition ; growth gradual, but sure. The church has been consecrated to the service of God during the past year.

STEPHEN H. GREEN,
Rector.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR—OSYKA.

This Parish is in a depressed condition. The poverty of the people, and the recent removal of a family which had been a blessing to the Parish and to the Church, and earnest and self-denying helpers to the Rector, makes us feel somewhat despondent as to future prospects. Our trust however, is in " the Lord of hosts," and we hope, in his strength, yet to conquer.

HENRY FORRESTER,
Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH—SUMMIT.

This Parish has lost a number of communicants, and its financial ability is much weakened. The unfinished church building was destroyed in a storm on February 20th, but another is being erected, and will be ready for use in a few weeks.

HENRY FORRESTER,
Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—GRAND GULF.

I hold one service a month at this church. Congregations small, and little apparent good is done.

JAS. S. JOHNSTON, JR.,
Rector.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—ABERDEEN.

On the 1st day of January, A. D., 1873, I assumed the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Aberdeen. This Parish has suffered (as every Parish will suffer) in consequence of the long, protracted illness of its late Rector, the lamented A. W. Clarke, and the long interregnum which unfortunately followed his decease. During my brief ministry in Aberdeen, I have labored for building up the con-

Parochial Reports.

TRINITY CHURCH—NATCHEZ.

Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., the former Rector of Trinity Parish, Natchez, departed this life on Ash Wednesday last past, leaving behind him the memory of a pure and Christian life spent in the service of his Lord: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours."

In consequence of Dr. Dana's recent death, and the fact that I have just taken charge of the Parish, I am unable to make the Parochial Report as full and satisfactory as is desirable. In some of the details I have been compelled to base it upon the report of last year.

I find the Parish in a promising state, and it is due as well to my honored predecessor as to the ladies of the congregation, to say that there are three organized societies of the women of the church, actively and successfully at work in the cause of Christ.

ALEX. MARKS,
Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—WOODVILLE.

The increased attendance at the different services, is very encouraging, and is considered an earnest of future successful work in the parish.

WM. H. PHILLIPS,
Rector.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—JACKSON.

The Rector of St. Andrew's incorporates in his parochial report the following statement by the Secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's.

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Deacon.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER—SARDIS.

It is with much pleasure that I can write in such high terms of praise of the little band in Sardis. They have done nobly during the past year in pushing on their church edifice. Services have been held in it for the past two months. We are now without any means to go further with the work, but the zeal of these faithful few is not daunted in the least. They are willing to "wait upon the Lord" and whilst doing all they can of themselves await the "blessing."

W. S. SPEIRS,

Deacon.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS—COMO.

The hopes expressed at the last Council in reference to the erection of a church building are in a promising state of fulfilment. On the corner stone laid by you on Christmas day, the superstructure is now rapidly going up; and I hope that before the meeting of another Council the church will be ready for Consecration. There are very few members, but what is lacking in numbers they try to make up in zeal.

W. S. SPEIRS,

Deacon.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH—LEXINGTON.

The inconvenience and unpleasant associations of the upper room in which our services are held in Lexington, greatly tend to retard the growth of the Parish of St. Mary's Church. By the zeal and energy of a few ladies, a very eligible lot of about two acres, has been bought and paid for, but the congregation is too poor to build a church without assistance from abroad.

In answer to an appeal in behalf of the Parish, endorsed by our venerable Bishop, nearly three hundred dollars have been received from a few kind friends at the North. Another three hundred dollars from abroad would enable us to commence building at once, with a hope of final success. Our own people are willing to do all they can, and I trust we shall be encouraged and aided by our more prosperous brethren, so that before another annual Council meets, we may have a church.

B. HALSTEAD,

Rector.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF

PARISH.	LOCATION.	Date of Admission.	MINISTERS.	Families.	Communicants.
Trinity.	Natchez.	1822	Alexander Marks.	100	125
Christ.	Church Hill.	-	Vacant.	18	43
St. Paul's.	Woodville.	1824	Wm H Phillips.	32	47
Christ.	Vicksburg.	1837	H Sansom, D. D.	121	146
St. Paul's.	Grand Gulf.	-	Jas S Johnston, Jr.	9	23
St. Mark's.	Raymond.	1846	Wm K Douglas.	15	35
St. Paul's.	Columbus.	-	Jos L Tucker.	15	35
Christ.	Holly Springs.	1842	J T Pickett.	15	35
St. Andrew's.	Jackson.	1842	W C Crane, D. D.	15	35
St. Andrew's.	Lamar.	1844	Vacant.	11	12
St. John's.	Pontotoc.	-	Vacant.	10	24
Epiphany.	Claiborne county.	-	Jas S Johnston, Jr.	11	11
Trinity.	Yazoo City.	1846	Wm D Christian.	45	45
St. Matthew's.	Clinton.	1847	Vacant.	-	-
Ascension.	Hernando.	1848	Wm S Speirs.	12	20
St. John's.	Aberdeen.	-	W A W Maybin, D. D.	40	41
Grace.	Canton.	-	Vacant.	40	39
St. Phillip's.	Kirkwood.	-	Willard Presbury.	14	27
St. Luke's.	Brandon.	-	Vacant.	-	-
St. John's.	Lake Washington.	-	Vacant.	-	-
St. James.	Port Gibson.	-	Vacant.	-	-
Trinity.	Pass Christian.	-	Jas S Johnston, Jr.	23	31
St. Peter's.	Oxford.	1851	Wm E Phillips.	15	62
St. John's.	Early Grove.	-	F A Juny.	12	13
Calvary.	Holmes county.	-	Vacant.	12	13
Messiah.	Shugulak.	-	B Halstead.	8	15
Grace.	Okolona.	1852	Vacant.	8	17
Chapel of Cross.	Madison county.	1853	Vacant.	-	-
St. Alban's.	Boyls.	1858	Jas A Fox.	12	20
St. Luke's.	Shieldsboro.	-	Heber O Crane.	13	13
St. Mark's.	Mississippi City.	-	Heber O Crane.	13	13
Church of Saviour.	Oeyka.	1859	Henry Forrester.	11	20
Good Shepherd.	Terry.	1860	Vacant.	12	34
Grace.	Carrollton.	1861	Vacant.	-	-
St. Stephen's.	Panola.	-	Vacant.	-	-
Christ.	Summit.	1862	Henry Forrester.	1	25
Mediator.	Meridian.	1867	Vacant.	7	13
Holy Comforter.	Dry Grove.	1869	Wm K Douglas.	16	20
Holy Trinity.	Vicksburg.	1870	W W Lord, D. D.	10	10
Nativity.	Macon.	-	Vacant.	11	22
St. James.	Greenville.	-	D S Green.	20	20
Nativity.	Water Valley.	-	Stephen H Green.	17	20
All Saint's.	Grenada.	-	Stephen H Green.	20	35
Redeemer.	Sardis.	1872	Wm S Speirs.	10	12
Holy Innocents.	Como.	-	Wm S Speirs.	9	17
Advent.	Acoma.	-	B Halstead.	4	10
Mediator.	East Pascagoula.	-	Heber O Crane.	7	10
St. Mary's.	Lexington.	-	B Halstead.	9	15
St. Stephen's.	Hazlehurst.	-	Vacant.	9	31
Redeemer.	Biloxi.	-	Heber O Crane.	21	40
Mission Stations.			Rt Rev Bishop.	-	-
				1074	1970

gregation, for raising the standard of ecclesiastical music, and for making Church aggression on sectarianism, as well as the world. A spirit of inquiry has been created, and persons of the highest social and intellectual culture, heretofore identified with other religious denominations, have been seen as worshipers in this church. I humbly trust, that with God's blessing, this Parish will in a few years, become one of the strongest in the Diocese.

I have also entered upon my duties as Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Macon. This a most important sphere of Missionary labor. The Vestry and congregation are thoroughly alive, and are now putting forth every effort, for the enlargement of the Church, by the erection of a recessed chancel, bell-gable, and porch, and for the entire completion of the Church. My Missionary labor, will, in all probability, cease in this Parish in five or six months, as by that time they will be in a condition to support a Rector (in connection with the Missionary Station at Shuqulak) of their own.

W. A. W. MAYBIN,
Rector and Missionary.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH—OXFORD.

During the long space of time that elapsed between the resignation of my reverend predecessor, to the present hour, the Sunday school has been kept open, and the service of the sanctuary duly maintained through the faithful labors of our Senior Warden, Mr. T. E. B. Pegues, and of our Junior Warden, Mr. Skipwith, to this, under the blessing of God, may be ascribed the present condition of the parish. It is with gratitude to God, our Saviour, that we state the fact of our being allowed to look to the future for growth, and upon the past, without shame. The small flock have nobly done their duty, and rely on God's grace to do it ever hereafter.

F. A. JUNY,
Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH—PORT GIBSON.

The Church is struggling along under many difficulties and embarrassments. We have lost four influential families within the year, two of them among our most useful and helpful members of

the vestry. In place of them we have two families added. I am occupying the permanent Rectory of the Church, though we still owe about \$400 on it, which we hope to pay this year.

JAMES S. JOHNSTON, JR.

Rector.

GRACE CHURCH—CANTON.

This report is an account of my work in this parish from March 6th, 1871, to November 17th, 1872. At the latter date I was obliged to resign my charge on account of declining health. Since that time, however, I have performed services on exigencies; amongst which was the burial of the remains of the Rev. David S. Goodloe, whose earnest ministry and saintly character are so well known to this diocese.

WALLACE CARNAHAN,

Late Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—COLUMBUS.

The Rector reports, with gratitude to God, a very considerable increase both of members and zeal during the past year. This parish has suffered many vicissitudes during the past fifteen years, and for a long time had one continued tide of misfortune and discouragement. That this now seems to be turned, and the prospect of better days coming, fills our hearts with joy and thankfulness.

J. L. TUCKER,

Rector.

MISSIONARY STATIONS ON THE MOBILE AND OHIO RAILROAD AND THE GULF COAST.

Both of these fields present very encouraging indications of the future growth and prosperity of the Church. They owe much to the labors of that faithful Missionary, the Rev. Henry C. Harris, who wrought with diligence in both of them. Owing to the imperfection of the records, the acts reported are only those performed by myself previous to the meeting of the Council.

H. O. CRANE,

Missionary.

REPORT OF JACKSON CONVOCATION.

There were two meetings of the Convocation during the year, one at Hazlehurst, the other at Canton. A third meeting was appointed for Jackson, but the illness of one member and the absence of another from the Diocese, caused it to lie postponed. Services have been held occasionally at Hazlehurst, Crystal Springs, Terry, Boltons, Midway, Mississippi Springs and Canton, and other places have been visited.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY FORRESTER,
Secretary.

BISHOP GREEN ASSOCIATE MISSION—DRY GROVE.

The Rector respectfully reports to the Bishop, that steady progress has been made in carrying out the designs of the founders. Two postulants of the Diocese have been in residence during the past year, who have pursued their studies with diligence, and at the same time have been engaged in teaching and Sunday church work. One of these is a colored man, of high promise, a graduate of college, whose papers will come before the Standing Committee at this session of the Council.

In the interim of the public schools of the county, two day schools have been maintained in the buildings of the Mission—one for white the other for colored children.

In carrying on this work, the Rector acknowledges his continued obligations to friends in the distant portions of our land for assistance in pecuniary support. One beautiful instance the Rector can not forbear placing upon record. Under the counsel of their Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Whipple, the young ladies of the Diocesan school at Faribault, devoted their lenten offerings, amounting to seventy-five dollars, to the work.

We have commenced the erection of a two-story wing to the Parsonage. This is intended to serve for the present use of the Rector and students.

WM. K. DOUGLAS,
Rector.

J. A. KLEIN, Treas., In ac't with Diocese of Mississippi :

1872-3.		Cr.
Aug. 12.—By	Cash to the Bishop.....	\$500
Sept. 18.—“	“ “ “	300
May 23.—“	“ “ “	100
	“ collections by the Bishop,.....	318 53
	“ “ “ “	204
July 22.—“	Cash paid to “ “	250
Feb'y 6.—“	“ “ “ “	100
March 15.—“	“ “ “ “	250
April —“	collections by “ “	211
.....—“	“ “ “ “	60
.....—	Paid the Bishop at the Council.....	357 65
.....—	“ “ “ to balance.....	178 67
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Respectfully submitted,

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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Baptisms.			Sunday Schools.		Confirmations.	Marriages.	Burials.	CONTRIBUTIONS TO				
Adult	Infant	Total	Teachers..	Pupils.....				Comm'n Alms.	Paroch'l Objects.	Diocesan Objects.	Extra Diocesan Objects.	TOTAL.
2	26	28	18	130	13	14	8	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
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2	10	12	8	40	15	12	5	1,151 27		159 38	30 50	1,341 15
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ASSESSMENT ROLL 1873-4—Continued.

PARISH.	LOCATION.	Bishop's Salary.	Continued Expenses.
Calvary	Holmes county.....	38 00	5 00
St. John's.....	Early Grove.....	50 00	5 00
St. Alban's.....	Bovina.....	60 00	5 00
St. Luke's.....	Shieldsboro.....	30 00	5 00
St. Mark's.....	Mississippi City.....	25 00	5 00
Church of Saviour.....	Osyka.....	38 00	5 00
Church of Good Shepherd.....	Terry.....	70 00	5 00
Grace Church.....	Carrollton.....	38 00	5 00
St. Stephen's.....	Panola.....	30 00	5 00
Christ Church.....	Summit.....	90 00	10 00
Church of Mediator.....	Meridian.....	25 00	5 00
Church of Holy Comforter.....	Dry Grove.....	90 00	10 00
Holy Trinity.....	Vicksburg.....	300 00	20 00
Nativity.....	Macon.....	75 00	5 00
St. James'.....	Greenville.....	150 00	10 00
All Saint's.....	Grenada.....	75 00	5 00
St. Jude's.....	Corinth.....	75 00	5 00
Holy Communion.....	Warren county.....	30 00	5 00
Trinity.....	Crystal Springs.....	30 00	5 00
Church of Nativity.....	Water Valley.....	45 00	5 00
St. Stephen's.....	Hazlehurst.....	30 00	5 00
Church of Advent.....	Acona.....	25 00	5 00
St. Mary's.....	Lexington.....	38 00	5 00
Church of Mediator.....	East Pascagoula.....	15 00	5 00
Church of Redeemer.....	Sardis.....	25 00	5 00
Church of Holy Innocents.....	Como.....	30 00	5 00
Church of Redeemer.....	Biloxi.....	20 00	5 00
St. Joseph's.....	West Point.....	20 00	5 00
St. Mary's.....	Bolton.....	20 00	5 00
.....	Enterprise.....	30 00	5 00
.....	Wahalak.....	20 00	5 00
.....	Secoba.....	30 00	5 00
.....	Brookhaven.....	20 00	5 00
Total.....		\$4902 00	\$420 00

The report of the Treasurer of the last Council has not been presented to the Committee. All of which is

Respectfully Submitted,

W. T. BALFOUR, Chairman.

J. A. KLEIN, Treas., In ac't with the Diocese of Miss.:

1873.

Dr.

Balance due on last settlement, May 1872..... \$17 00

COLLECTIONS FROM SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Jackson.....	\$100	
Canton.....	75	
Bovina.....	20	
Vicksburg, (Church of the Holy Trinity,).....	50	
“ (Christ Church,).....	50	
Natchez.....	50	
Yazoo City.....	25	
Grand Gulf and Port Gibson.....	20	
Sardis.....	10	
Como.....	10	
Hernando.....	15	
Woodville.....	30	
Holly Springs.....	50	
Dr. Wharton for Terry.....	25	\$530 00

ASSESSMENTS:

Natchez.....	\$300	
Woodville.....	100	
Vicksburg, (Church of the Holy Trinity,).....	200	
“ (Christ Church,).....	300	
Grand Gulf and Port Gibson.....	75	
Columbus.....	100	
Holly Springs.....	36	
Jackson.....	147 32	
Yazoo City.....	100	
Hernando.....	40	
Aderdeen.....	46	
Canton.....	50	
Brandon.....	10	
Lake Washington.....	65	
Pass Christian.....	100	
Oxford.....	100	
Kirkwood.....	20	
Shuqualak.....	10	
Holmes county.....	25	
Bovina.....	40	
Terry.....	45	
Carrollton.....	25	
Meridian.....	11 83	
Dry Grove.....	30	
Macon.....	20	
Greenville.....	77 70	
Grenada.....	48 50	
Warren county.....	20	
Crystal Springs.....	13 50	
Water Valley.....	30	
Acona.....	2	
Lexington.....	25	
Sardis.....	15	
Como.....	20	
Lamar.....	30	\$2,282 85
Total.....		\$2,829 85



APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the annual report of the Diocesan Treasurer, beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Council, the following report:

Your Committee have examined the amounts and vouchers of the Diocesan Treasurer and find them correct.

Your Committee regret to report that the indebtedness to our Bishop, which at the commencement of this year was \$1,226 81 has increased to the sum of \$1,519 64, this being the amount which we, to-day, owe our Bishop.

Your Committee report the following table of assessment. (The table is printed as amended by vote of Council.)

ASSESSMENT ROLL 1873-4.

PARISH.	LOCATION.	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Expenses.
Trinity Church.....	Natchez.....	\$450 00	\$20 00
Christ Church.....	Church Hill.....	150 00	10 00
St. Paul's Church.....	Woodville.....	150 00	10 00
Christ Church.....	Vicksburg.....	450 00	20 00
St. James' and St. Paul's.....	Port Gibson & Grand Gulf	115 00	10 00
St. Mark's.....	Raymond.....	60 00	5 00
St. Paul's.....	Columbus.....	200 00	10 00
Christ.....	Holly Springs.....	200 00	10 00
St. Andrew's.....	Jackson.....	300 00	20 00
St. Andrew's.....	Marshall county.....	45 00	5 00
Epiphany.....	Claiborne county.....	40 00	10 00
Trinity.....	Yazoo City.....	150 00	10 00
St. Matthew's.....	Clinton.....	30 00	5 00
Ascension.....	Hernando.....	60 00	5 00
St. John's.....	Aberdeen.....	115 00	10 00
Grace.....	Canton.....	150 00	15 00
St. Phillip's.....	Kirkwood.....	30 00	5 00
St. Luke's.....	Brandon.....	45 00	5 00
St. John's.....	Lake Washington.....	75 00	5 00
Trinity.....	Pass Christian.....	150 00	5 00
Chapel of the Cross.....	Madison county.....	30 00	10 00
St. Peter's.....	Oxford.....	150 00	10 00
Church of Messiah.....	Shuqulak.....	25 00	5 00
Grace.....	Okolona.....	15 00	5 00



"More than conquerors through Him that loved us."

In Memoriam.

DAVID STARKE GOODLOE,

Late Rector of

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GRENADA.

Graduated at Chapel Hill, N. C., 1860.

**Admitted a Candidate for Holy Orders in this Diocese,
July 18, 1868; Ordained a Deacon in 1869;
passed to the Holy Order of Priests
Sunday, May 1, 1870,**

AND

Whilst sojourning in Canton, Mississippi,

March 19, 1873,

**In the thirty-fifth year of his age, raised to the glorious
ranks of the Church triumphant, in Paradise.**

**"Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ."**

"These are they which came out of great tribulation."

In Memoriam.

HENRY CANOVA HARRIS,

BORN AT MOBILE, ALABAMA, 1836,

Confirmed in Trinity Church, Natchez,
March 1, 1857,

Graduated at Nashotah, 1861,

Ordained a Deacon, St. Andrew's Church, Jackson,
September 1, 1862; a Priest, November 27, 1864.

Died, New Orleans, La., March 25, 1873.

During a ten years ministry in this Diocese, his many self-denials, patience under tribulations, his beautiful traits of mind and heart, won the affectionate confidence of his Bishop, the loving respect of his brethren, and the grateful devotion of those to whom he ministered.

"Sorrow not even as others which have no hope."



"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith."

In Memoriam.

CHARLES B. DANA, D. D.,

A native of New Hampshire, a graduate of Dartmouth College, his thirty-nine years of faithful service in the Ministry were spent in the Dioceses

OF

VIRGINIA AND MISSISSIPPI.

Ordained Deacon by Bishop Moore, Virginia, 1834; a Priest by the same Venerable Bishop, 1835.

Rector of Christ Church, Alexandria, Va., from 1834 to 1861; of St. James, Port Gibson from 1861 to 1866; called to Trinity Church, Natchez, in 1866;

He rested from his labors

ASH WEDNESDAY, 1873.

His last words were "All is peace."

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."



CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The Church in the Diocese of Mississippi acknowledges the authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ART. II. There shall be a stated Council of the Church in this Diocese every year, at such time and place as may be fixed on by the preceding Council. Special meetings of the Council shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church requires it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it; and, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee, on urgent reasons may call a special Council. When a special Council is so called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in giving notice thereof, to specify the business and purposes for which it is to be assembled, and no other business shall be transacted than that which is thus specified, or necessarily connected with it.

ART. III. The Council shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order canonically resident in the Diocese for three months prior to the session of the Council, shall be entitled to a seat in the same; and it is hereby made his duty to attend its deliberations.

Every Parish within this Diocese, in union with this Council, shall be entitled to send to the Council a Lay Delegate, or Lay Delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Rector, a Warden, or Secretary of the Parish, shall, before the admission to seats, be laid before the Council: *Provided*, That no person shall be competent to serve as a Lay Delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the Parish which he represents. The Delegation from each Parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

ART. IV. New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Council, on motion, by a majority vote: *Provided*. They shall have laid before the Council written evidences, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

ART. V. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio*, the Pres-

ident of the Council; but during a vacancy in the Episcopate, or in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the members shall elect a President from among the Presbyters: *Provided*, That in the absence or inability of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Council may invite the Bishop of any other Diocese to preside over the deliberations of the Council, who, if he accept the invitation, shall have all the powers and privileges of the President of the Council.

ART. VI. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Council, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Annual Council.

ART. VII. The members of the Council present, on due notification, and consisting of not less than three Clergymen, and Lay Delegates from three Parishes, shall constitute a quorum to transact the regular business of the Council. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate in one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for, in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless the ballot be dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Council.

ART. VIII. When on account of the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious disease, it shall be thought imprudent to hold the Council at the place appointed, the Bishop may change it by giving notice to each Minister and Parish of the Diocese, either by letter or by a printed circular.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article, except at the Annual meetings of the Council; nor unless such alterations shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

CANONS.

CANON I.

OF THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.

SECTION 1. Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form a congregation, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi; and none shall be considered as members of such congregation when organized, who shall not (on requisition by the Rector or Vestry) formally accede to such Articles of Association. The congregation shall assume a suitable name, by which their Church or Parish shall be designated, and appoint not less than three, nor more than eleven, Vestrymen, and two Wardens. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and the proceedings of their adoption, shall then be laid before the Council; and if approved by that body, the congregation shall be considered as united to the Council and subject to its control.

SEC. 2. Every Parish so organized, shall annually on Easter Monday, or as soon afterwards as may be, elect from among the stated worshipers in the Church, the same number of Vestrymen, or such number as the Vestry at some meeting, previous to the election have designated, and also shall appoint Delegates to the Council. The Vestry shall as soon as may be after their election, assemble and appoint two Wardens, a Register and Treasurer; and in case, from any cause, Delegates shall not have been chosen at the Parish Meeting, the Vestry shall, at that time also appoint such Delegates.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Rector, agreeably to the ancient usage of the Church, to preside in all Parish and Vestry meetings; but, in case of his absence, one of the Wardens shall preside.

CANON X.

OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Secretary of Council shall furnish to each Minister of a Parish, or if there be no regular Minister, to the Senior Warden, a printed form of Parochial Reports, conformed to the requirements of the annual statistic report and tabular view of the State of the Church, published in the Journal of the Council.

CANON XI.

ON FINANCE.

SECTION 1. A Committee on Finance, consisting of five, (a majority of whom shall be Laymen,) shall be appointed at each session of the Council, to assess the amount to be contributed by each Parish, to the support of the Episcopate, and to the Contingent Fund of the Council, and to whom shall be referred all matters of a financial character.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall, at least one month previous to the meeting of every stated Council, call upon each Vestry to send the latter amount, including arrearages, if there be any, by the hands of the Delegates to the Council.

CANON XII.

OF THE MODE OF ORGANIZING THE COUNCIL.

When the day appointed for the assembling of the Council has arrived, the Bishop of the Diocese, if he be present, or in his absence or inability, the President of the Standing Committee, or in his absence, any Presbyter, on motion, shall take the chair, and call the Council to order; and the Secretary of the last Council, or in his absence, the Secretary of the Standing Committee, or in his absence, any Clerical or Lay member named by the presiding officer, shall be, *pro tem.*, Secretary of the Council. The list of Clergy entitled to seats in the Council, furnished by the Bishop, or in his absence, by the President of the Standing Committee, shall next be read; the credentials of Lay Delegates shall then be laid on the Secretary's table, and referred to a committee, consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, who shall, as soon as may be, report on the same. If it shall appear that a constitutional quorum is present, the presiding officer shall declare the Council ready for business.

CANON XIII.

OF EXPENSES IN ATTENDING COUNCIL.

Every Parish shall provide for the expense of its Rector, whilst attending the Council, and going to and from the same.

but, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the place for these purposes ; and the Bishop, by and with the concurrence of his Council of Advice, may appoint any place within his Diocese for the trial, if there be any special reasons moving him thereto.

SEC. 4. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a Commissioner appointed for that purpose, by the ecclesiastical authority, or in the manner of commissions or depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the oral examination of witnesses who may be present at the trial.

SEC. 5. Advocates or Proctors shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 6. The Council of the Diocese shall, at every regular session, elect five Presbyters, canonically resident in the Diocese. The Presbyters so elected shall constitute an Ecclesiastical Court for the trial of Clergymen. The members of the Court so elected shall hold their office until the close of the next regular meeting of the Council : *Provided, however,* That if from any cause there be no election, they shall continue in office until a new election takes place.

SEC. 7. Four of the Court so elected shall constitute a *quorum*, and may proceed with the trial of any presentment.

SEC. 8. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said Court, the Bishop shall nominate three Presbyters for each vacancy, from whom the accused shall elect one, to fill the vacancy. If the accused shall fail to elect one, the remaining members of the Court shall elect as aforesaid.

SEC. 9. When the defendant appears, he may plead, generally, "not guilty," to all the charges and specifications ; or he may admit them to be true ; or he may plead "not guilty," to a part, and admit the residue. Upon such specifications as are admitted to be true, it shall be the duty of the Court to decide whether they amount to such an offense as is canonically presentable. And in regard to such specifications as are denied, the Court shall try the same ; and shall pronounce the verdict, either "guilty" or "not guilty," on each specification.

SEC. 10. Upon the finding of the Court that the defendant is guilty upon one or more of the specifications ; or in case they are of opinion that the facts admitted to be true amount to a presentable offense, it shall proceed to suggest what sentence, in its opinion, ought to be inflicted. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop to pronounce such judgment as is suggested : *Provided, always,* That in case of judgment other than degradation, the Bishop may, at any time afterward, with the advice of the Standing Committee, modify or remit said sentence.

SEC. 11. It shall require a concurrence of at least three members of the Court present to find the defendant guilty. Each member of the Court shall be at liberty to record his opinion.

SEC. 12. The Court shall, upon the trial, appoint a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a regular record of each day's proceedings. He shall also record the judgment rendered by the Bishop; and each day's proceedings shall be signed by the members of the Court. A true record of said proceedings so signed, shall be filed with the Standing Committee; and copies, certified by the Secretary of the Standing Committee shall, in all cases, be received as evidence of said record and proceedings.

SEC. 13. If from sickness or other necessary cause, any member or members of the Court can not attend the trial, the accused may elect either to continue the case to such time as the Court may adjourn, or fill the temporary vacancy as provided in Section 8.

SEC. 14. The expenses of the trial shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Church.

SEC. 15. If the accused do not appear, the Court may proceed to trial in his absence; or, for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse or decline to appear, the Court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, in three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial. And if he does not so report and appear, the Bishop may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SEC. 16. If any member of the Court be the party making the presentment, or be connected by consanguinity or affinity with the party making the presentment, or with the accused, or is, on the legal affidavit of the person presenting, or of the accused, prejudiced for or against the accused such member shall not sit at such trial.

SEC. 17. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally or by leaving a copy thereof at their residences respectively; the time between the day of service and the day of appearance being not less than twenty days, over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance. And in case there is reason to believe that a Minister, against whom any ecclesiastical proceedings have been instituted, has departed from the United States, or that the place of his sojourn can not be conveniently ascertained, then it shall be sufficient to have a copy of the citation published three times in some newspaper printed at the Seat of Government of the State in which he last resided; and also in some newspaper printed at the Seat of Government of the State in which he is cited to appear, at least six months before the day of appearance.

SEC. 18. In all cases of presentment of Ministers, where the party accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, sentence of suspension shall be passed for contumacy; which shall continue in force until the party consent to a regular trial.



purchase of a permanent Episcopal residence. And they may, if the money is not collected in notes in their hands, borrow such sum as may be necessary, and mortgage the property purchased in their name, as Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Mississippi.

SEC. 5. Said Trustees shall report to the Council the amount of money, notes, bonds, or other property, received by them, and from whom, the amount paid out, etc., so that an accurate account of the state of the fund may be always before the Diocese.

SEC. 6. Said Trustees may receive bonds, the principal of which may be made payable at such time as said Trustees may deem advisable: *Provided, however,* that the interest at six per cent. shall be payable annually: *Provided, further,* that when the money is paid on said bonds, the Trustees shall be bound to loan it to the person who paid it, if he should desire it. In such case, the money shall be loaned at legal interest, and shall be secured, as heretofore provided for in Section 3.

CANON XVII.

OF GENERAL TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH.

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund shall be the General Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mississippi, and, as such, are authorized to receive, by will, deed or otherwise, for the use of the Church, such property and money as may be given to it by any person or persons.

CANON XVIII.

OF OFFERINGS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

Besides individual contributions for Missions or other purposes, it shall be the duty of the Rector of the Parish to collect, twice a year, the offerings of the Parish for Diocesan Missions, to-wit: On the second Sunday in April and the second Sunday in October; and if from any cause, the offerings are not collected on said days, they shall be collected on some subsequent Sunday, and the Rector shall embrace, in his Parochial Report to the Bishop of the Diocese, the amount received at each collection.

CANON XIX.

OF ATTENDANCE ON COUNCIL.

Every Clergymen entitled to a seat in the Council shall, in case of his inability or failure to attend, communicate in writing, his reasons therefor to the Bishop, at the session of the Council, or in one month thereafter.



This book is under no circumstances to be taken from the Building

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